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# 300 want out of govt credit union

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» Delinquent loans now total $575K

A large number of members of the Commonwealth Government Employees Credit Union now want to terminate their membership with the organization.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that about 300 members have pending requests to withdraw their contributions from the union.

Once these refunds are released, these government employees will no longer be connected with the union and can't avail of any of its benefits.

The credit union is a member-owned, nonprofit cooperative financial institution where members pool their savings, lend them to one another, and own the organization where they save, borrow, and obtain related financial services.

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More details emerged at the Legislature yesterday afternoon about Green Globe Solutions' planned $200 million, 40-megawatt wind and solar energy project on Tinian and Saipan that Allegiance Capital Corp. will finance, including its ties to a proposed privatization of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power production and distribution for at least 25 years that investors hope will buoy the development of a Lower Base industrial park and shipyard.

Meanwhile, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said

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# An island boy's journey of saving lives, sharing his love of the ocean

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When Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Joseph Cruz Santos enlisted in the U.S. Navy at 17, he thought he'd spend most of his time on a ship. Saving lives under fire and taking a hit in Iraq, among other things, were not part of what he had initially imagined but those journeys defined his character that he hopes would inspire young people in the CNMI and Guam.

» Santos is US Pacific Fleet's Sailor of the Year

Now 31, Santos said he enlisted in the Navy in search of "lots of opportunities."

"When you get the opportunity, work hard on it, be humble. And keep smiling," Santos said in a phone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday morning.

Santos, stationed with Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 24 at Marine Corps Base

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U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY CHIEF MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST PAULA LUDWICK/RELEASED
Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, awards the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Joseph Santos, the winner of the 2012 U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year. Santos will be meritoriously promoted to chief petty officer.

# Local

## Judge disagrees with OAG that her order was an injunction

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has disagreed with the Office of the Attorney General's assertion that her recent order requiring Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson to transfer to the NMI Retirement Fund any money owed that is not in dispute effectively serves as a mandatory injunction.

In her order yesterday, Tydingco-Gatewood said she never intended her April 22, 2013, order to be a preliminary injunction.

The order did not have the substantial effect of granting or denying any of the ultimate relief sought in the complaint, she said.

Rather, the order was issued to affirm the parties' previous agreement that the Fund would receive its fiscal year 2013 budget allotment of $10 million, Tydingco-Gatewood said. As such, there is nothing to reconsider, she added

Tydingco-Gatewood, however, agreed with the CNMI government's suggestion that the Fund raise any future disputes directly with the CNMI government or in the settlement setting.

"The court reiterates that the parties should continue to negotiate in good faith and focus their concerted efforts on reaching a settlement, if possible," the judge said.

At the April 19 status conference in Betty Johnson's lawsuit against the Fund and the CNMI government, Fund trustee *ad litem* counsel Daniel Berman told the court about an alleged $833,000 shortage in allotments from $10 million in legislative appropriations.

Tydingco-Gatewood then issued an order on April 23 directing Larson to work with Fund acting administrator Lillian Pangelinan to determine whether there is a shortage in the allotments owed the Fund.

Shortly after Tydingco-Gatewood's order, the CNMI government immediately complied by transferring a total of $535,000 to the Fund.

Despite this, the CNMI government, through assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, filed a motion for reconsideration.

Sablan pointed out that the government did not have notice at that time that the issue would be raised and could not attest to the veracity of Berman's representation.

Sablan said the government has substantially complied with the order but, in order to protect its rights on appeal (that is, if settlement negotiations fail to

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## Power 99 DJs in tomorrow's 'Celebrity Dunk-a-Booth'

For those who have an axe to grind against disc jockeys of Power 99, this is your chance.

From 6pm to 9pm tomorrow, popular DJs Bones, Dice, Big Mama, and Tony Joe, among others, will be sitting on a plank inches above a pool of water and all a participant has to do is hit the designated target in the Thursday Market's "Celebrity Dunk-a-Booth" at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Power 99 Saipan station manager Tina B. Palacios said her station's participation in the "Celebrity Dunk-a-Booth" is all for a good cause, part of the CNMI Law Enforcement Week.

Palacios said Power 99 DJs volunteered for the fundraising effort and are taking part in the "Celebrity Dunk-a-Booth" for fun and for the benefit of the local police force.

She said the Department of Public Safety has always been there to safeguard the community and is generous in advertising with the station, "so how can I say no."

As a side bet, DJ Dice has offered to give away Subway sandwiches and free movie passes to anyone who successfully "dunks" her 20 times.

Palacios, who said she might also make a cameo appearance tomorrow, said that DPS members will be the "celebrities" that will be the targetted at the "Celebrity Dunk-a-Booth" next week.

Last Friday, DPS had its Jailhouse Lockdown where prominent citizens of the CNMI were "arrested" and "ordered to post" bail for their release.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos was the biggest celebrity "incarcerated " at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Like other detainees, Inos was "set free" after posting a $55 bail and belting out a tune at the jailhouse's karaoke machine.

Aside from Inos, others "arrested or surrendered" were Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores, Cabinet members, lawmakers, public officials, Public School System officials, businessmen, and other prominent community members. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MHS Class of '93 reunion meeting today

The Marianas High School Class of 1993 will be having a class reunion meeting today, May 8, 2013, starting at 6:30pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion. For more information, contact Maryann Borja-Arriola at 483-2279 or Vivian Sablan at 288-1129. ***(PR)***

### Health and safety trainings

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety trainings on the following dates:

- May 8 at 5:30pm: Adult CPR/AED Blended Learning
- May 15 at 6pm: Adult CPR/AED
- May 16 at 6pm: Pediatric CPR/AED
- May 25 at 8am: Adult CPR/AED

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Blended Learning courses involve online courses with in-person skills exam and require at least 48-hour preregistration. Course fees apply. For more information on the courses listed or other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459. ***(ARC)***

### Veterans outreach this week

This is to inform all veterans that Tina San Agustin, the senior veteran's service representative, and Lee Stahli, veteran's service representative from Guam and the CNMI, will be on Saipan for a veterans outreach on veterans' federal benefits.

San Agustin and Stahli will be on Saipan on Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 9am to 4:30pm, and on Friday, May 10, 2013, from 8am to 3:30pm, both at Ruth Coleman's office at Suite 206 of the Marina Height Building II.

For further information, contact Bernie B. Dela Cruz at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs at (670) 664-2650/59. ***(PR)***

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# OPA asks court to reinstate arrest warrant vs Fitial

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The Office of the Public Auditor now want the Superior Court to reinstate the original arrest warrant issued against former governor Benigno R. Fitial for his role in an alleged conspiracy to shield former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served a penal summons in August last year.

OPA legal counsel George L. Hasselback told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he filed a request with the Superior Court to have the penal summons that is currently pending for Fitial vacated and the original arrest warrant issued by associate judge David A. Wiseman reinstated.

"The filing papers contain the justification for that request and I will let them speak for themselves," said Hasselback, who is designated as an assistant attorney general in the cases against Fitial, Buckingham, and other co-defendants.

Fitial

*Saipan Tribune* repeatedly tried but failed to get a copy of the filing papers in court.

The OPA legal counsel also disclosed that he filed a motion to disqualify attorney Brien Sers Nicholas as counsel for Buckingham.

"It is based upon an allegation of a conflict of interest. The papers on file, again, speak for themselves and contain the justification for the motion," he said.

*Saipan Tribune* obtained a copy of the motion to disqualify yesterday afternoon.

OPA has filed seven criminal charges against Fitial, who was last reported to be either in the U.S. mainland or in the Philippines.

On March 7, 2013, Wiseman issued a penal summons that ordered the former governor to appear in court at 9am on the first Monday after receiving service of summons to answer the allegations.

"If you do not appear, an application may be made for the issuance of a warrant for your arrest," Wiseman stated in the summons.

In OPA's motion to disqualify, Hasselback stated that Nicholas' representation of both Buckingham and several persons who are witnesses, suspects and/or potential co-defendants in the case is an impermissible conflict of interest.

Hasselback said that Nicholas, the current lawyer for Buckingham, represented Jermaine Nekaifes and police officers Myron Laniyo and Stanley Patris before the 17th House of Representatives Special Committee on Impeachment.

Hasselback said the testimony given by Nekaifes, Laniyo, and Patris before the committee related to their role in escorting Buckingham to the Saipan International Airport on the night of Aug. 3, 2012, and early morning of Aug. 4, 2012.

Hasselback said that Nekaifes, Laniyo, and Patris have all been identified as having participated in escorting Buckingham and are likely to be called as witnesses in the government's case against Buckingham.

Hasselback also disclosed that Nekaifes, Laniyo, and Patris were, at the time of Buckingham's escort, law enforcement officers and could potentially face criminal charges as co-conspirators.

"Nicholas's continued representation of any person in this matter would create an untenable ethical conflict that would result (regardless of the outcome of trial) in reversible error on the part of this court," he added.

Buckingham, who is reportedly in the U.S. mainland, has been declared a fugitive from justice.

OPA also filed 15 criminal charges against former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro in connection with his role in the alleged conspiracy.

# Villagomez replaces Lujan as counsel

Former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez has replaced his lawyer, Guam-based attorney David J. Lujan, with attorney Colin M. Thompson.

Villagomez, through counsel, notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday of Lujan's substitution.

Villagomez

Lujan agreed to his substitution and withdrew as attorney of record for Villagomez in the criminal case.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Judge Alex R. Munson approved the substitution yesterday.

Villagomez is now in federal prison after being found guilty of defrauding the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Last April 1, Munson directed the U.S. Marshal to bring back Villagomez to Saipan for resentencing. Munson ordered the U.S. Marshal to notify the court as soon as Villagomez arrives in the CNMI.

Villagomez's resentencing is on June 12, 2013, at 9am.

This came about after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit vacated Villagomez's sentence on Dec. 18, 2012, and ordered that he be sentenced anew after finding that the court made an error in calculating his sentence.

With the new sentencing, there is a possibility that the former lieutenant governor would face more prison time.

Munson sentenced Villagomez in August 2009 to seven years and three months in prison for defrauding CUC through needless purchases of a de-scaling chemical.

Villagomez's co-defendants—former Commerce secretary James A. Santos and his wife, Joaquina V. Santos—were each sentenced to six years and six months in prison. The Santos couple are also currently serving their sentences in federal prison. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# Ex-convict in hot water for alleged assault

A 29-year-old man who has several prior criminal convictions is back in prison, this time for allegedly pushing a man against the window of a restaurant in Chalan Kanoa on Sunday night, causing the glass to break.

Ian Francis M. Dela Cruz was arrested for aggravated assault and battery, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief. His bail was set yesterday at $20,000 cash.

Police said that, according to a doctor at the Commonwealth Health Center, the victim sustained a laceration on his thigh that required 10 stitches.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that two police officers were dispatched Sunday at 7:27pm to the Fresh Sashimi House Restaurant along Brigida St. in Chalan Kanoa in response to a report of a disturbance.

They came upon the victim, who had a laceration on his right inner thigh. Medics transported him to CHC.

The officers learned from a witness that it was Dela Cruz who was responsible for the victim's injury.

The victim told police that he was standing on the eastern part of the building, waiting for the owner of the restaurant to give him some fresh fish, when Dela Cruz walked up to him and pushed him hard.

The victim fell back, breaking the glass window.

Dela Cruz also allegedly threatened the victim with a knife and a rock he was holding.

The officers found Dela Cruz in the former MGM Garment building and arrested him. The officers detected a strong odor of alcohol in the suspect's breath. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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## JOURNEY

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Hawaii, is a Purple Heart recipient and was named U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year in April.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet, the world's largest fleet command encompassing more than half the Earth's surface, consists of some 140,000 sailors and civilians.

"I'm so honored to be nominated," Santos said.

On May 16, he will be promoted to the rank of chief petty officer at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Santos was born on Saipan on Nov. 25, 1981, and grew up in Guam. His mother, Dolores, is from Tinian, while his father, Luis, is from Guam, he said.

"There were not a lot of things going on for me then," the John F. Kennedy High School graduate said of his decision to enlist.

In another media interview, Santos said he was inspired by a magazine article about a Navy corpsman "who ran through a minefield to save the Marines he served with during Operation Desert Storm." A year later, he enlisted in the Navy.

He was deployed to combat three times—twice to Iraq in 2004 and 2008, and once to Afghanistan in 2011.

"It was a tough year," Santos said of his first deployment to Iraq in 2004. "Lots of action patrolling the streets of Fallujah. It was scary. I never thought about it [patrolling Iraq streets]. I thought I'm going to be on a ship in the Navy."

That's where he earned his Purple Heart, receiving wounds and shrapnel in his hand and wrist during an ambush while patrolling the streets of Fallujah. In the midst of helping others wounded in the attack, he said it was one of the guys who noticed his wounds and said, "Doc, you're bleeding."

Six months later, Santos found himself the only corpsman on-scene for the first 10 minutes after their convoy got hit by a vehicle with an improvised explosive device, killing at least 10 and wounding several others.

"It's called care under fire. We do the best with what we have, with what we can and with the time we have," he said.

Santos' other awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Sharpshooter Rifle Medal, Sharpshooter Pistol Medal, and the Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist Device.

Growing up on the islands, Santos has a natural love for the ocean, which he happily shares with young ones.

"I surf, paddle, and spearfish," he said. "I also teach young people and novice how to surf and paddle." He said being a corpsman, sharing his love for the waters and a family man are keeping him busy.

Santos is married to Easton Messick. They have a 10-year-old daughter, Keana Nero, and another one on the way, he said.

He said he has plans to visit Saipan and Guam once he's promoted to chief petty officer.

"The last time I visited was in 2003," he said, adding that they have a big family on Tinian.

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Since last year, most of its members have applied for refunds and are waiting for the release of their monies. Withdrawals were earlier suspended by the union board pending the completion of an audit. It was found that the organization has never had any audit since 2008.

At this point, there is no telling how much is actually on the union's account where the refunds will be taken from and if the union is capable of paying all its withdrawing members.

Demapan said yesterday that the union's biggest challenge right now is the huge amount of delinquent loans by its members, which totals some $575,000.

"There are about 300 members who have pending withdrawal requests. The bigger challenge, though, for the credit union is that there are members with delinquent loans," said Demapan.

As for the audit, he disclosed that it will soon be over as it is slated for completion in three months. The audit began in February this year.

"We are currently in the third month, so we are awaiting word from the auditors on the actual date of completion," he said.

Union members interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* claim that the audit is only a ploy to delay the issuance of their refunds. They worry that the union's account may be empty and they will not be able to reclaim their contributions.

Demapan said the audit is not being used as an excuse on this matter.

"The audit is not an excuse. It is a measure that the board, upon assuming office in June of last year and reviewing the records of the credit union, found that no audit had been done on the institution since 2008. In an effort to ensure that full accountability was in place before the board takes major actions at the CGECU, the board actively sought the assistance of the Office of the Public Auditor to undertake an updated audit of its books," he said.

While it has been a long wait for union members, Demapan said the audit is nearing its end and is expected to be completed "very soon." Once completed, the board and the credit union will be able to have a comprehensive report to work on as it takes necessary action to entertain the needs of its members, he added.

"While I cannot disclose how much funds is currently in the credit union, it is not empty, as some alleged. The CGECU, although autonomous from the central government, is working closely with the administration to explore viable options to act on pending withdrawal requests from members dating back to the term of the previous boards," he added.

Demapan said the union thanks its members for being patient over the past few months and assures that it is undertaking every effort to ensure full accountability is in place before taking further actions.

The CGECU is not funded by the central government. It is sustained by members' deposits and loan payments. When it is formed in 1995 through legislation, it was authorized to borrow up to $2 million from the NMI Retirement Fund.

Due to a decline in its membership and some funding challenges that affected its operation, the union sought refinancing with the Fund last year. This was disapproved.

The Fund later filed a complaint in the U.S. district court seeking payment for the union's outstanding loan, amounting to $1.8 million. The case is pending.

## JUDGE

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resolve this matter), the government must file the motion.

Sablan pointed out that the government believes that Tydingco-Gatewood's order effectively serves as a mandatory injunction, and the Fund has not demonstrated that a mandatory injunction is warranted in this case.

In her order yesterday, Tydingco-Gatewood commended the CNMI government for its efforts in verifying the amounts transferred to the Fund to resolve the discrepancies and for the assistance provide by Larson and her staff in processing employee applications to withdraw.

"The court does not doubt the sincerity of the Commonwealth government when it states that it is committed to participating in good faith in the ongoing settlement negotiations," the judge said.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she recognizes that, despite fluctuating revenues, the CNMI government endeavors to fulfill its agreement made at the previous hearing to pay the Fund pursuant to the $10 million appropriation in the fiscal year 2013 budget.

"The court remains optimistic that the [Fund] will receive is full allotment in light of the Commonwealth government's statement that there is pending legislation to raise the government's general revenue," she said.

## GREEN

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the administration would like to see the result of a renewable energy integration study first before issuing request for proposals for renewable energy development.

An RFP for this renewable integration study has just been released.

Green Globe Solutions president and chief executive officer Chris Thunken and managing partner Lars Jorgensen said yesterday that their renewable energy plan will provide a stable and reliable power supply to Saipan and Tinian.

Thunken and Jorgensen presented their proposed three-phased renewable energy project yesterday afternoon to House and Senate members.

They reiterated that they will be selling power at 27 cents per kilowatt hour for 25 years.

"It's a funded project. We could start tomorrow," Thunken told reporters right before the presentation started.

He said they wanted to bring their proposal "closer to the people that make the decision."

They are seeking the Legislature's support for a power purchase agreement with the CNMI government.

"We have also included the fact that we have a utility private operator standing by that could step in basically for a privatization of CUC," he added.

### Connecting the dots

Kenneth Mahmood of Allegiance Corp. was not at the Legislature yesterday. Thunken said Mahmood was meeting with other investors at the time. Mahmood was at the Senate on Monday for a similar presentation for senators.

Thunken and Jorgensen were joined at the Legislature yesterday by Bobby Capps, consultant for Allegiance Capital Corp., and Henrik Jorgensen of Vestas, the world's largest manufacturer, seller, installer, and servicer of wind turbines.

At the presentation, Thunken and Jorgensen mentioned that they met with CUC officials and the governor.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment about this statement from Green Globe Solutions, confirmed that the governor and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider met with Thunken and others from the company.

Demapan said, "At that time, Mr. Mahmood was not a part of the discussion and was never mentioned in the proposal."

"The administration often receives unsolicited proposals for such projects. However, the administration is firm in its stance to first undertake a feasibility study. When such study is completed, the administration will go through the process of an RFP for base load power to solicit interested proposals and make a determination on responses to the RFP," Demapan added.

Thunken said he has been looking for over two years for a company to finance his proposed renewable energy project—30MW wind farm on Tinian with submerged cable to bring the power to Saipan, and a 10MW solar cell on Saipan.

"The truth is that there are a lot of challenges upon the CNMI and the credibility, unfortunately, is not there for big investment houses to just come out and wanting to entertain, fund projects here… So it took us a good while and we found in Allegiance [Capital Corp.] a partner that is familiar with the lay of the land. They had some previous plans to do something here," he said.

Thunken said Allegiance "has a certain request."

"And the requirement is, well, we need a bankable utility. Key word is bankable. One that knows renewables, one that knows how to integrate what we are proposing," he added.

### No commitment

Lawmakers did not immediately commit to anything such as supporting a 25-year power purchase agreement with the CNMI government.

Nevertheless, lawmakers said they welcome Green Globe Solutions' presentation and listened to the merits of their plan to reduce the CNMI's reliance on diesel power plants by integrating wind and solar/photovoltaic energy into the grid.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), and other lawmakers said they are particularly concerned about Green Globe Solutions' tie-up with those involved in the botched Saipan Development LLC's plan to build a new 50MW diesel power plant and shipyard in Lower Base.

"They're presenting a very good alternative energy. The concern that we have is Ken Mahmood's involvement with this financing because the issue [with SDLLC] has not been resolved yet. So there's a red flag now that our people are concerned," Torres told reporters.

The Delaware-based SDLLC signed a $190.8 million power purchase agreement that's under court injunction. SDLLC was founded by Allegiance Capital Corp. founder David Mahmood and Keystone Shipping owner Don Kurz.

SDLLC's proposal was to remove the CUC power plant in its present location in Lower Base to give way to a shipyard. A new power plant will be built in another portion of Lower Base.

However, to date, there is no legislation in U.S. Congress that allows a shipyard in the CNMI to repair U.S. military ships.

Deleon Guerrero said the SDLLC and Allegiance Corp. connection is a concern.

"We're not done with the lawsuit, yet they want to bait us with the same hook," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said he does not want to deal with any company that has any type of utility project with connection to SDLLC.

"SDLLC negotiated a deal with the former governor, and a lot of the deals were lopsided, to their benefit, and not to the CNMI's benefit. I don't think the CNMI government should deal with a company that tried to take advantage of the Commonwealth. This is my personal view," the speaker added.

During yesterday's presentation, Deleon Guerrero asked most of the questions, including the companies involved in Green Globe Solutions' planned renewable energy project.

The speaker asked Thunken and Jorgensen whether Allegiance Corp. would still finance Green Globe Solutions' renewable energy project if CUC's power production and distribution remains with CUC and Allegiance does not get rights to a Lower Base property for a shipyard project.

"Yes, they will finance our project," Jorgensen said. "But Lower Base will not commence without this [power plant] development."

In a later interview, Deleon Guerrero said the more they asked, the more information previously not known emerged.

"They said initially it's going to cost 27 cents per kwh. Later on they said it's 27 cents is the cost to them. Another company or CUC will still charge for distribution and billing. So that would end up costing the same as what we pay for right now," he said.

Deleon Guerrero also said that Green Globe Solutions itself does not have experience in running an integrated system, although it has or its partners have experience in windmills or solar projects but not an "integrated system."

Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), the main mover of the lawsuit against the SDLLC PPA, said yesterday there is no commitment with Green Globe Solutions until such time everyone understands the project and considers the benefits that the CNMI will get from the proposal.

"For now, the presentation is up in the air and need more clarity and/or transparency. The involvement of Allegiance Capital, Kenneth Mahmood, is something to be of concern with this project," she said.

This proposal also comes months after Allegiance/SDLLC pushed for a $190.8 million "diesel" power plant. Now, Allegiance is ready to finance a renewable energy project.

# Salary for hospital CEO, CFO to be funded by governor

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Due to the still financially shaky situation of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Gov. Eloy S. Inos has assured that his office will shoulder the salaries of two key positions at the hospital, according to corporation board chair Joaquin Torres yesterday.

He disclosed that these posts are that of the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer, which are among the major requirements needed to satisfy concerns of the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These posts play a major role in the success of the public hospital as both individuals are members of the corporation's governing board.

Torres said that Inos made the promise during the corporation board's recent meeting with the governor. He said the governor is willing to pay more than $120,000 per annum for each position. The Executive Branch's commitment, Torres said, is for just one year to give the corporation some breathing room.

The CEO position was recently vacated by Juan N. Babauta, whom the board fired due to alleged unsatisfactory performance.

Esther Muña, the corporation's chief financial officer and chief operating officer, is interim CEO.

Torres said the board has approved a $96,000 per annum salary for Muña. Her new contract is now being routed. The duration of the contract is only until a permanent CEO is hired.

In her role as interim CEO, Muña will temporarily leave vacant the COO position; comptroller Cora Ada has been named interim CFO.

Torres disclosed that both CEO and CFO posts have been announced with $124,000 per annum salary for each. The amount, he said, is negotiable.

*Saipan Tribune* was earlier told that the corporation's federal partners has provided a list of names for the CEO post. That list, Torres said, is now with Inos.

He admitted that the initial salary demand of these off-island candidates is "too much" for the corporation to afford. The amount they are asking for starts from over $200,000 per annum, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

According to Torres, the list of potential CEOs provided by federal partners is now in the back burner and they are aggressively recruiting for the two posts on their own.

In fact, a potential off-island candidate is now being eyed and this person may be offered a $124,000 per annum salary, which remains negotiable, Torres said.

He reiterated that the "corporation needs someone who can lead" and he is confident in Muña's capability to turn around the hospital.

"I have to be optimistic…because we can't fail. There's too much at stake," he said.

# NMC to confer diplomas, certificates to 180 graduates

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The Northern Marianas College will confer diplomas and certificates to 180 associate and bachelor degree graduates this month.

The bulk of the graduating class will come from the associate degree in liberal arts program with a total of 62 graduating students, followed by the associate degree in nursing program with 35 graduates.

According to NMC, this year's graduating class is about a 50-percent increase over graduation numbers last year.

The following are the number of graduating members of each program: associate degree in business, eight graduates; business administration with accounting emphasis, six; business management, six; computer applications, nine; criminal justice, nine; hospitality management, nine; and natural resources management, two.

For bachelor's degrees, early childhood education concentration will confer diplomas to four graduates this year; elementary education concentration has 20; and rehabilitation and human services concentration has 10.

According to NMC, this will be the first time that students will be graduating with a bachelor of science in education degree with concentrations in early childhood or rehabilitation and human services. Both concentrations, along with other concentrations at the NMC School of Education, were introduced about four years ago.

The college invites the community to its 33rd Commencement Exercise, which will take place on May 25 at 4pm at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

"We are extremely proud of all our students who are graduating, especially those who have had to overcome significant challenges and obstacles to earn their degrees. Graduation marks an important milestone in their lives and we are inviting everyone in the community to join us for this joyous event," said NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D.

Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services, said yesterday that the college is currently in the final stages of selecting the students who will be the recipients of this year's Student Leadership Award. There will be two Student Leadership Awards: one for the associate degree level and another for the bachelor's degree level.

"The Student Leadership Award is given to a graduating student who demonstrates exceptional leadership and service to the college and community," said Pangelinan.

According to him, "any NMC student, staff, or faculty member may nominate a graduating student for this award. It is not a requirement for the nominee to have been in a formal leadership position at NMC to be considered for this award, which will be presented at the graduation ceremony later this month."

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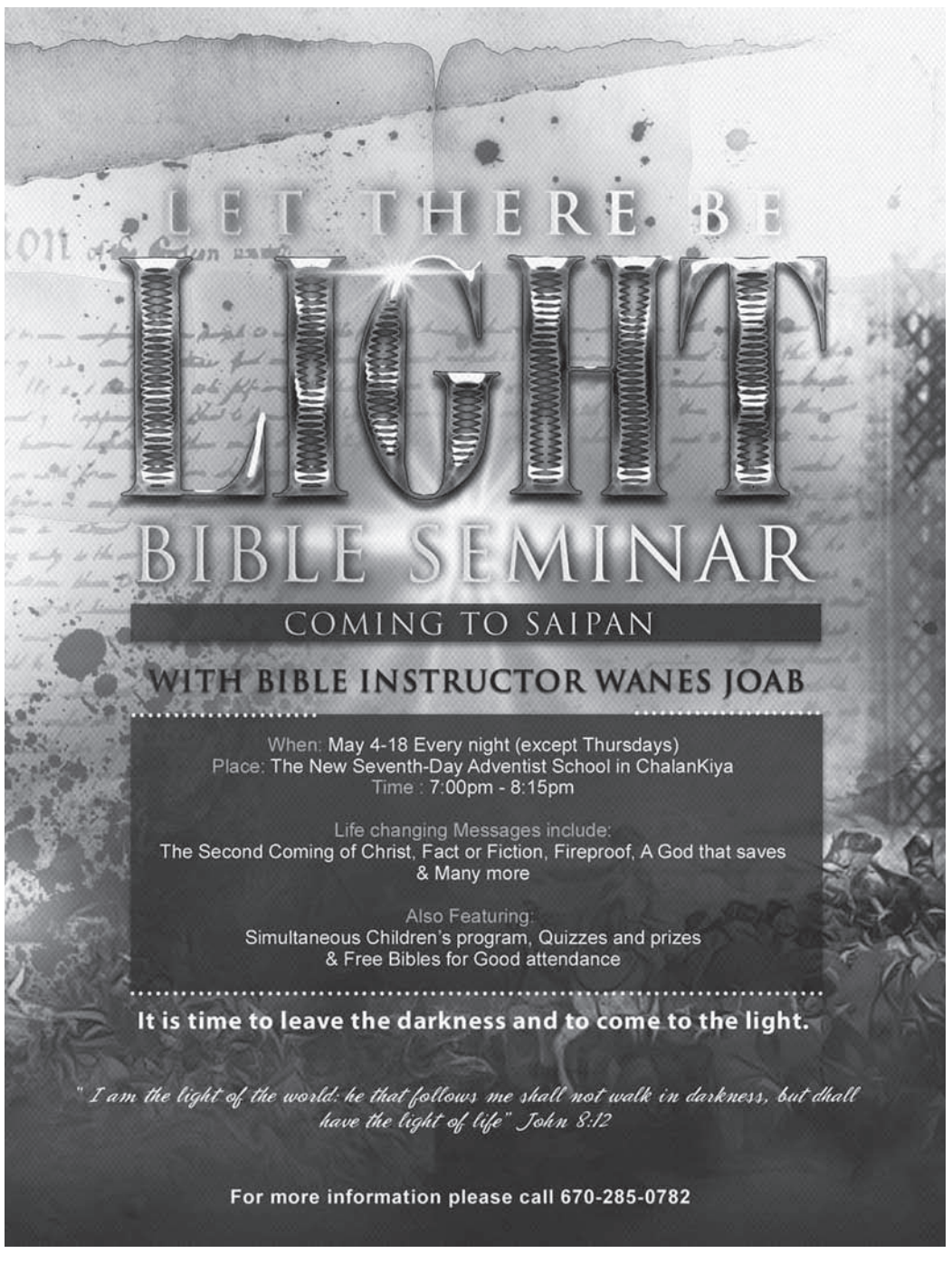
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# Weeklong Liberation Day festival won't be alcohol-free

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The board of directors of the Liberation Day Committee has voted to make this year's celebration a weeklong event and, unlike the previous year, will allow the sale and consumption of alcohol.

Board secretary Joyce Taro confirmed this with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, following revelation that initial applications submitted by festival vendors indicate a desire to offer alcohol throughout the festivities to boost sales.

The board's decision to allow the sale of alcohol was prompted in large part by the need for funds. The committee has said it has minimal funding to start preparing for the event. The Liberation festivities usually get funding from local appropriation but this was stopped in 2010 due to unaccounted past expenditures.

In a separate statement from the committee yesterday, it said the celebration will begin on June 28 and end on July 4. This year's theme is "The Spirit of Cooperation—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The committee is thinking of moving the weeklong event from the Garapan Fishing Base to Susupe's Civic Center.

The committee seeks the support of the government, private businesses, non-profit organizations, groups, and or individuals to make this year's Liberation Day celebration a success.

"We need the support and participation of the island communities to make this annual event possible," reads part of the statement, adding that the event is also an opportunity to highlight entrepreneurship and individual or collective talents.

According to Taro, last year's alcohol- and smoke-free Liberation festivities was made possible by the KKMP Foundation, which was awarded a federal grant to promote an alcohol- and smoke-free celebration.

This year, Saipan will be celebrating 68 years of freedom beginning in 1945 when World War II ended. Since its liberation from Japan, the people of the CNMI persevered, made huge strides, and have established themselves as a proud and unique people and a resourceful island nation.

According to Taro, despite funding issues the panel will press ahead with activities traditionally associated with Liberation Day, including the festival parade, float competition, and search for the Liberation Queen. Grand marshals will also be named and will seek recommendations from Tinian and Rota.

Meantime, application for Queen candidates is now available at the Saipan Mayor's Office and are due on May 17. The pinning ceremony is slated on May 20 while the coronation is tentatively set on July 2. Tickets deadline is June 29.

# DPW awards two projects worth $1.255M

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The Department of Public Works awarded a total of over $1.255 million worth of contracts for two projects—a $900,000 contract to GPPC Inc. for the construction of a new traffic signal system in Chalan Kanoa, and the $355,345 contract to GHD Inc. for the Tinian road hazard elimination project's engineering design.

DPW Secretary Martin Sablan said the notice of "intent to award" has already been issued to GPPC for the $900,000 construction of a new Tun Segundo traffic signal system project in Chalan Kanoa.

This project is at the post office intersection, and by the Saipan and Northern Islands Memorial Leadership Courtyard.

Isagani Salazar, DPW engineer, separately said the design for Tinian's Routes 21, 24, and 27 road hazard elimination project is "now 30-percent complete."

He said the project design is expected to be completed in October 2013, and contractor GHD Inc. "is optimistic that they can complete the design on time."

Salazar said the scope of work includes upgrade to pavement markings, traffic signs and delineators, along with the installation of safety barriers in areas where steep slope poses a danger to motorists.

"The intersection at Route 21, Route 201, and Route 202 will be improved to keep the road safe for the traffic," he said.

Route 21 is approximately 2.5 miles or 13,200 feet from the Tinian airport to Route 205. Route 24 is some 2.5 miles from the intersection of Route 201 to Route 25. Route 27, meanwhile, is some 3.5 miles or 18,480 feet from the intersection of Route 205 to Suicide Cliff.

Sablan said the project is "expected to increase economic growth in the CNMI would benefit the community and tourists as well."

The DPW secretary and Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz worked collaboratively to move the Tinian projects forward.

Dela Cruz is hopeful the Tinian project's construction will begin in June 2014.

The Tinian project is 100 percent funded by the Federal Highway Administration under the U.S. Department of Transportation.

# Rotary begins distribution of dictionaries

The vocabulary of third graders in the CNMI stand to improve with the Rotary Club of Saipan announcing that they've started distributing dictionaries to public schools.

Rotary Club director Reina Camacho, during yesterday's weekly meeting of the organization, said they've already distributed dictionaries to a total of seven elementary schools on Saipan so far.

On Monday, Rotary members visited Williams S. Reyes, San Antonio, and Oleai elementary schools to turn over the dictionaries to third-grade students and their teachers.

The week before, it was the turn of Tanapag, Gregorio T. Camacho, Kagman, and Garapan elementary schools to receive the donation of dictionaries.

Camacho said three other schools are expected to receive their batch of dictionaries next week—Koblerville, Dandan, and San Vicente elementary schools.

Rotary Club director Curtis Dancoe said the turnover ceremonies for the dictionaries were pleasant as the organization was able to hand them over to ever-appreciative third graders after the singing of the U.S. and CNMI national anthems and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Camacho said the number of dictionaries given to schools vary, with San Antonio, for instance, getting only around 45 and San Vicente expected to receive in excess of 100 pieces.

Rotary Club president Pete Shilling said all in all the organization spent $4,000 for the dictionary project.

In its third year, Shilling said the local organization's dictionary drive is modeled after Guam's own dictionary campaign and has since been emulated in other Rotary Club districts in Micronesia such as in Palau, Pohnpei, and Chuuk.

Shilling said a teacher came up to him recently and thanked him and the Rotary for their dictionary project. The same teacher said that third grade is just about the perfect time to introduce dictionaries to students.

The dictionaries being donated by the local Rotary Club are Merriam Webster dictionaries and costs $4 each, according to Camacho.

Aside from Saipan public school, PSS sites on Tinian and Rota are also expected to get dictionaries. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM- OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**INVITATION TO BID**
**ITB13-GOV-110**

**Purchase of Ground Maintenance Equipment & Tools**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Purchase of Ground Maintenance Equipment & Tools.

The project package will be available Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on May 22, 2013** to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB13-GOV-110"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 5, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time June 5, 2013**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 5, 2013** and must be received no later than **June 14, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at **10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on June 5, 2013.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245.. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable asset are only:
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Performance time for completion of this project is sixty **(60)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars **($100.00)**, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
**Office of the Executive Director**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
**CUC-RFP-13-020**

**DESIGN-BUILD RENOVATION OF CUC WAREHOUSE OFFICE AND STORAGE FACILITY**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Design-Build Renovation of CUC Warehouse Office and Storage Facility of the Commonwealth Utilities, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The selected A&E and Construction firm shall perform design and construction services for the renovation of the CUC Warehouse in Lower Base, Saipan. The firm must have experience on past design-build projects particularly on the island of Saipan.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **May 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-13-020, Design-Build Renovation of CUC Warehouse Office and Storage Facility, Saipan"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated, pre-qualified and selected based on the following criteria:

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Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Request for Proposal and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations ss 50-50-301 & 305, Procurement of Construction and Architect-Engineering Services.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 13, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org. with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Warehouse Manager, via email john.mafnas@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

**RUSSIAN MEDIA TOUR** MVA

**Russian travel agents and media representatives pose with cultural performers and other attendees following a recent dinner show on Saipan. The media tour was conducted as part of the inauguration of direct charter flights between Khaborovsk, Russia and Saipan.**

# Alien worker still awaiting medical repatriation to PH

More than a month after severely injuring his back in a fall, a contract worker from the Philippines is still at the Commonwealth Health Center and awaiting medical repatriation back to his home country.

Marwin Corpuz, a 42-year-old father of two and a native of Sta. Rosa, Laguna, wants to go home as soon as possible as the lone hospital on Saipan has no orthopedic doctor or other medical expert to adequately treat his injury.

According to a close friend, Jethro De Guzman, Corpuz sustained a fracture in his lumbar spinal nerve, with compression and retropulsion of a bone fragment into his spinal canal.

In phone interview yesterday, Corpuz said he wants to be repatriated as soon as possible to the Philippines because he is worried that his back injury might worsen the longer he stays on Saipan without proper medical attention.

Corpuz said his back hurts so much he could neither sit down nor stand up and, while he appreciates the care CHC staff has provided him, pain killers can only do so much.

United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza said they are coordinating with the Philippine Consulate General in Guam to help realize Corpuz's wishes.

She said compounding Corpuz's plight is that he is no longer a member of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration when he had his accident.

OWWA is a Philippine government agency that promotes the welfare and well-being of Filipino alien workers. It has an insurance and healthcare benefit program that could've been handy in Corpuz's case.

Aside from his health, Corpuz is also worried about his mounting medical bills at CHC. De Guzman said that, as of last week, Corpuz already owes the hospital some $60,000.

It's unclear who will be paying for the hospital costs. Under the amended local law on contact workers, employers are also no longer obligated to shoulder the medical expenses of alien workers.

Corpuz is an employee of the Saipan Oceanview Hotel. He has been on Saipan since 1992 and has worked as a waitstaff for Raponggi and Palace of Saipan in the past.

He also thanks those who donated in the fund drive for his airfare to the Philippines. Friends visiting him at CHC are encouraged to donate $1 each, but Adaza confirmed that visitors have been donating more than that.

Adaza and De Guzman said that $4,000 have been raised so far for Corpuz's airfare and associated costs for bringing him back to the Philippines.

Since Corpuz cannot sit down, he would have to pay for four airline seats to accommodate his bed plus a seat for the nurse who will accompany him to the Philippines.

In all, including ambulance service from the hospital to the airport, Corpuz needs an estimated $8,000.

Last March 26, Corpuz fell from the third floor of a friend's apartment to the ground floor. He was there to help his friend move to the apartment. ***(Saipan Tribune)***


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**Opening Date: April 29, 2013** **Closing Date: May 17, 2013**

**Position:** **Receptionist**
**Salary:** **PL 18/01 – $13,052.98 to PL 18/05 ($15,870.10 P/A)**
*(Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.)*

**Job Location:** **NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950**

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 17, 2013, **OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED** no later than May 17, 2013, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
*Office of the Executive Director*

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
**CUC-RFP-13-019**

**SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ENGINE LUBE OILS FOR POWER GENERATION**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of engine lubricating oils for CUC Power Generation facilities on Saipan and Rota for the period starting August 01, 2013 through August 30, 2017.

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **May 7, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-13-019, Supply & Delivery Of Engine Lube Oils for Power Generation"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The Proposal Price shall remain the same throughout the term of the contract except for the variation in the MOPS and government taxes, duties and fees.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **May 10, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director for Power via email wallon59@yahoo.com and Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

# Water outage in Koblerville tomorrow

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform residents of Koblerville, Tottoville, and Afetna that a nine-hour water outage is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 8am to 5pm.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas Inc. to remove six non-working fire hydrants along Koblerville Road by the fire station, Adobu Street, and Alaguan Street. This project is part of the Koblerville Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project funded by the U.S. Environment Protection Agency. The water outage will affect residents living in the Koblerville, Tottoville, and Afetna area.

CUC's operations team and AIC Marianas will be working hard to return service to customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

CUC apologizes in advance for any inconvenience resulting from this project and the water service interruption. Direct inquiries to Yvonne Cabrera, project manager, at (670) 235-7025-30, Ext. 324. ***(CUC)***

## Micronesian schools plan 'Yapital Robo Day'

Educators at the two independent high schools in Yap have announced plans for a public exhibition and competition, featuring teams from their student robotics clubs.

The 2013 "Yapital Robo Day," will highlight the work of robotics teams from both Yap Catholic High School and the SDA School. It will serve as a culmination of the participating students' hard work throughout the school year.

The event will be held on Friday, May 17, at the Community Center in Colonia, starting at 3pm. Both schools will demonstrate the capabilities of their robots by navigating the machines through a series of obstacles and retrieving doughnut shaped cargos with the robotic claws.

Club members are looking to show community members, public officials, and their peers the capabilities of the VEX robots each team has built. Parts for the machines were initially donated by the U.S.-based charity "Habele." Over the course of the school year, the student teams have designed, assembled, and programmed the robots, turning those piles of raw materials into fully functioning robots.

Last year the two schools participated in the first-ever Yap Robo Day. It was coordinated by local community organization "Waa'gey." That event, which garnered headlines across the Pacific and earned the recognition of robotics aficionados throughout the U.S., was Oceania's first ever student robotics exhibition.

"The feedback on last year's event was amazing," explained Neil Mellen, president of Habele. "Our worry was that despite the hard work of the students and enthusiasm of their teachers, we wouldn't be able to raise the money to buy new parts and stage the Robo Day event again." Thankfully, the European based electronic payments firm "Yapital" offered to help.

Yapital's financial support enabled Habele to purchase upgrade kits and spare parts for the robots, as well as shirts for all participating students. They also plan to cover the cost of hosting the Robo Day event itself.

"When a delegation from Yapital visited Yap last fall we heard a lot about the Robo Day and just how much it meant to the participating students," said Nils Winkler, Yapital CEO. "This type of practical application of science and technology instruction is inspiring. We at Yapital are proud to be supporting these hard working students and educators in Yap State." ***(Waa'gey)***

## Chamber of Commerce luncheon today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly general membership luncheon meeting today, May 8, 2013, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. Luncheon begins at 11:30am and the membership meeting begins at 12pm.

The month's speakers include Col. L. S. Loch, OIC, Marine Corps Activity Guam, and Maj. Chris Merrill. The speakers will present and discuss future Department of Defense plans for Tinian and Pagan for live-fire military training exercises.

"May 13, 2013, is the deadline for submitting comments to DoD's 'Notice of Intent to Prepare the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement,'" according to Chamber president Alex Sablan, "and the SCC intends to submit comments before that date.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. will provide a brief financial status report to Chamber members as well.

Luncheon charges are $20 for SCC members, $30 for guests and the private public. Call 233-7150, or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com, to make reservations for May 8, 2013. ***(SCC)***

## State of disaster in Marshall Islands

A state of disaster has now been declared in the Marshall Islands as a prolonged severe drought in the far north islands worsens, putting lives at risk.

The move elevates a state of emergency that has been in place since April the 19th, and comes after some islands have not had any rainfall since November last year.

The chief secretary for the Marshall Islands government says reverse osmosis water machines are providing some drinking water for households but it's not enough.

Casten Nemra says outside help is starting to come through allowing the government to send more ships with essential supplies such as food and bottled water, but what is needed most is rain.

"Our Cabinet has declared a state of disaster, which basically means we've elevated the situation and this is at the point where life is imminent to threat, and we are doing all we can to address and cope with the situation now at hand."

Casten Nemra says the drought has affected many crops with many people just surviving on coconuts. ***(Radio New Zealand International)***

**PHOTO EXHIBIT**

The Pacific Collection photo exhibit, courtesy of the CNMI Museum of History and Culture, is now on display in the Hillblom Library of the CNMI Judiciary's Guma' Hustisia in Susupe. The display features 36 pictures capturing the cultural life of indigenous Micronesians during the period of 1914-1927.

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# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### May 8, 2004

**'Expedite conversion of GHLI'**

Newly appointed Retirement Fund board member Steven King said the Fund should expedite its work on the privatization of the government's health insurance program due to the impending termination of its contract with Hawaii Pacific Medical Referral. "People are complaining and they are just waiting for us here to fix this. I hope we could do something to expedite this," said King. The board ratified Friday its decision to award a one-year contract to Individual Assurance Co. to assist the Fund in the privatization of the health insurance arm of the Group Health and Life Insurance program.

**$1.1M for Tanapag sewer OK'd**

Gov. Juan N. Babauta has approved a measure that allocates over $1 million to projects across the Commonwealth, a hefty share of which would go toward addressing the sewer problem in Tanapag. In a news briefing held yesterday afternoon, Babauta signed into law House Bill 14-137, which sets aside $374,766 for the relocation of the T-1 pump station to T-2 pump station at the Tanapag Social Hall. This is hoped to alleviate the sewer overflows that usually occur in the area. Some $270,600 would be used to buy earthmoving equipment and trucks for Tinian; while $316,000 would go to various Capital Improvement Projects in Rota.

### May 8, 2005

**Garment sales slide to $49M**

Garment sales declined to $49.4 million in April, the lowest in the last five months, as the CNMI's garment players struggle to win buyers' orders amid the lifting of trade quota on apparel. If nothing is done to stem the slide, the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association said this could lead to a collapse in the garment sector, which would lead to loss of thousands of jobs, significant government revenue, and possible bank run. "Garment workers are estimated to have $90 million in direct deposits. Displaced garment workers will withdraw their monies from local banks in the CNMI," SGMA executive director Richard Pierce told businessmen during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's membership meeting Wednesday.

**House panel OKs teachers' $500 tax credit measure**

A House panel has recommended the passage of a bill that aims to grant classroom teachers up to $500 tax break a year. House Education Committee chair Justo S. Quitugua said his panel approved the proposal, House Bill 14-27, which was authored by minority member Heinz S. Hofschneider. "We support the bill. We have done our report and submitted it last session [April 28]," said Quitugua. Quitugua earlier promised Hofschneider that the Education Committee would be able to act on the bill end of April.

### May 8, 2006

**Fund asked to write off $124M liability**

The Fitial administration is pushing for the write-off of $124 million unfunded liability with the NMI Retirement Fund. At the same time, it is asking the Fund to provide a $40-million revenue bond for the financially bankrupt Commonwealth Utilities Corp. In a bill titled "the Defined Benefit Plan Rescue and Reform Act of 2006, which was submitted to the House of Representatives Friday, the administration said the proposed measure would provide the CNMI government "with a fresh start." It said the government's accumulated unfunded liability with the Fund totaled $123.7 million since 1995. It said that based on an actuarial study, the NMI Retirement Fund's defined benefit plan "is only 46 percent funded" and that "it is saddled with an unfunded liability that is approaching one-half billion dollars [$470 million as of Oct. 1, 2004]."

**Defined contribution plan proposed**

If enacted into law as proposed by the Fitial administration, all new public employees and eligible existing government employees would have their own "portable individual retirement accounts" on or after Jan. 1, 2007. In a bill submitted to the Legislature Friday, the administration aims to create a Northern Mariana Islands Public Employees' Defined Contribution Retirement Plan, making it the single retirement program offered by the government to its employees. The bill defines defined contribution plan "as a plan in which savings are accumulated in an individual retirement account for the exclusive benefit of the member or beneficiaries." The existing retirement program is called Defined Benefit Plan.

# Conservation Stewardship Program applications due May 31

## »Voluntary program allows producers to maintain or increase productivity of their operations while also conserving natural resources

**WASHINGTON**—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Conservation Stewardship Program, or CSP, will provide nearly $175 million in funding for up to 12.6 million additional acres of enrollment this year.

"The Conservation Stewardship Program is different than other USDA financial assistance programs," said Vilsack. "CSP offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. It's about conservation activities on the entire operation focusing on multiple resource concerns."

Vilsack explained that although applications are accepted all year, farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners interested in CSP should submit applications by May 31 to their local NRCS office to ensure they are considered for this year's funding.

The voluntary program allows producers to go the extra mile in conserving natural resources while also maintaining or increasing the productivity of their operations.

Playing a significant part in conserving and improving our nation's resources, producers enrolled an additional 12.1 million acres in CSP last year, bringing the total number of acres to more than 50 million.

Many of the CSP enhancements improve soil quality, which helps land become more resilient to extreme weather.

Several other improvements are available for producers, including intensive rotational grazing, intercropping and wildlife friendly fencing.

Because of the extreme weather in 2012, more interest and participation in the cover crop enhancements is expected this year, according to NRCS experts.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types.

For the checklist and additional information, visit the CSP website (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/) or visit your local USDA NRCS office. ***(USDA)***

CLARISSA V. DAVID

**HEALTH FAIR**

PHI Pharmacy interns Jessica Ku and Tina Marrie McDonald check the blood sugar levels of patients and give them health advice at the Region 2 Lions Clubs Annual Medical Mission/Health Fair on April 28, 2013, at the Mount Carmel Cathedral Joeten-Daidai Social Hall. A total of 258 individuals availed of the medical services provided by the organization's community partners.

# 2 named to Museum Board, State Rehab Council

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos appointed on Monday Department of Commerce's Mark O. Rabauliman to serve on the Museum Board of Governors, and John Guerrero to serve on the State Rehabilitation Council.

Rabauliman and Guerrero's appointments do not require the Senate's advice and consent.

Guerrero represents the private/industry/labor sector on the State Rehabilitation Council effective May 6. He has a three-year term on the council.

"I am confident that you will conscientiously devote your time and efforts to represent the interests and welfare of individuals with disabilities who can benefit and be accommodated in the private/business sector," the governor told Guerrero in his one-page appointment letter.

Rabauliman, meanwhile, represents the general/business community on the Museum Board of Governors. He will serve a four-year term effective immediately.

"The Lt. Governor and I realize the work of this Board is vital to the preservation of our history and culture, and have every confidence that you will continue to conscientiously devote your time and efforts in the best interests of all our people. Your willingness to serve is most appreciated," the governor told Rabauliman.

The two appointees are required to file their statement of financial interests with the Office of the Public Auditor.

# Search for man in North Pacific suspended

**HONOLULU**—The U.S. Coast Guard has suspended the search for a missing mariner who fell overboard from a sailing vessel in the North Pacific early Sunday.

The search for Luke Stimson was suspended at 9am Tuesday pending any further developments. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy crews searched approximately 2,340 square miles in a search area 575 miles west of Midway Atoll. Coast Guard and Navy crews searched a total of 50 hours over the course of three days.

Coast Guard watchstanders in Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu were notified by Marine Rescue Coordination Center Falmouth, United Kingdom, that Stimson, one of the two-person crew, had fallen overboard from the 38-foot sailing vessel *Jonetsu*. Stimson was reportedly wearing a yellow lifejacket and was conscious when he fell into the water. The second crewmember, Laura Vernon, incorrectly identified previously as Laura Beinon, did not have enough sailing experience to safely navigate the vessel alone.

The U.S. Navy warship *Peleliu*, a Tarawa-class amphibious assault ship, was diverted from their homeward bound transit to assist in the search. The *Peleliu* deployed two MH-60 helicopters at approximately 5am Sunday to conduct search patterns. One MH-60 helicopter located the sailing vessel and conducted a basket hoist to rescue Vernon at approximately 12pm Sunday. She was taken safely to the *Peleliu* with no reported injuries.

Two Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules airplane crews from Air Station Barbers Point, Oahu, alternated searches from Midway Atoll and Wake Island throughout Sunday, Sunday night and Monday. During Sunday night, two Navy MH-60 helicopters and two CH-46 helicopters conducted six more searches of the area.

"We offer our thoughts and prayers to the Stimson and Vernon families during this difficult time," said Jennifer Conklin, a JRCC Honolulu search and rescue specialist. "Suspending a search is never an easy decision, nor is it one that is made quickly." ***(USCG)***

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| **Betty I. Verano** Petitioner, | ) | **FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0170** |
| vs. | ) | |
| **Domingo B. Verano** Respondent. | ) | **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION** |

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 500641, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**

## Coastal Resources Management

Caller Box 10007, Behind Department of Public Safety
Bureau of Motor Vehicle, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950
TEL. NO. 664-8300 • FAX NO. 664-8315

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION

**May 07 , 2013**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:**

| | APPLICANT | DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED | APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | TYPE | STATUS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | DFW | 02/20/2013 SLRm-2013-X-015 | Scientific Research | Lagoon & Reef | Lagoon & Reef APC | Approved (04/30/2013)* |
| 2. | Hyatt Regency | 02/13/2013 SMS-95-X-174 (Amend) | Toilet Restroom Renovation | Garapan | Amendment | Approved (03/06/2013)* |
| 3. | Sunny Place, LLC. | 03/06/2013 SSm-2013-X-016 | Scuba Diving Operation Tour | Lagoon & Reef | Lagoon & Reef APC | Approved (05/01/2013)* |
| 4. | Merissa S. Rasa Dba Sup Spn | 03/07/2013 SLRm-2013-X-017 | Standup Paddle Boarding Rental | Lagoon & Reef | Lagoon & Reef APC | Approved (03/15/2013)* |
| 5. | YM Micronesia Inc. | 03/13/2013 STLRm-2013-X-018 | Photographic Activities | SPN, Rota, Tinian & Managaha | Shoreline & Lagoon APC | Approved (03/15/2013)* |
| 6. | Marianas Visitors Authority | 03/20/2013 SSm-2013-X-019 | Signs Board | Shoreline Areas | Shoreline APC | Approved (04/02/2013)* |
| 7. | David W. Dougherty | 03/22/2013 SSm-2013-X-020 | Residential Improvement | Garapan | Shoreline APC | Under Review |
| 8. | Department of Public Lands | 04/05/2013 SLRm-2012-X-074 (Amend) | Managaha Pavilions | Managaha, Island | Lagoon & Reef APC | Approved (04/30/2013)* |
| 9. | Saipan TV Production | 04/11/2013 SSm-2013-X-021 | Photographic Activities | Shoreline Areas | Shoreline APC | Under Review |
| 10. | Good Day Coordinating Inc. | 04/11/2013 SSm-2013-X-022 | Photographic Activities | Shoreline Areas | Shoreline APC | Under Review |
| 11. | Auto Marine | 04/11/2013 SSm-2013-X-023 | In-Water Vessel Maintenance | Lower Base | Lagoon & Reef APC | Approved (04/12/2013)* |
| 12. | Xiong Family Recycling Corporation | 04/11/2013 SLRm-2013-X-024 | Vessel Removal (Charito) | Lower Base | Lagoon & Reef APC | Under Review |
| 13. | Mode Tour Corp. | 04/24/2013 SLRm-2013-X-025 | Photographic Activities | Managaha, Island | Lagoon & Reef APC | Approved (04/26/2013)* |
| 14. | PIC | 04/29/2013 SMS-91-X-25 (Amend) | Renovation Existing Pool Bar | San Antonio | Amendment | Under Review |
| 15. | Big Boy Marine Sports | 02/28/2013 SLRm-2013-X-026 | Para Sailing Operation | Lagoon & Reef | Lagoon & Reef APC | Approved (05/02/2013)* |
| 16. | Homeland Security Emergency Management | 04/29/2013 PLRm-2013-X-027 | Scientific Research | Pagan | Lagoon & Reef APC | Under Review |

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

# Opinion

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## The Vietnam syndrome

**By FRANK SNEPP**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Thirty-eight years ago last week, I was among the last CIA officers to be choppered off the U.S. Embassy roof in Saigon as the North Vietnamese took the country. Just two years before that chaotic rush for the exits, the Nixon administration had withdrawn the last American troops from the war zone and had declared indigenous forces strong enough, and the government reliable enough, to withstand whatever the enemy might throw into the fray after U.S. forces were gone.

That's the same story we told ourselves in Iraq when we pulled out of that country in 2011. And today, as American troops are being drawn down in Afghanistan, we're hearing variations on the same claims once again. Yet security remains so fragile in both Iraq and Afghanistan, it is impossible not to worry that we are deluding ourselves and that we failed to learn the most important lessons of Vietnam.

One major ingredient of both the Afghanistan and Iraqi experiments was the use of American dollars to buy off insurgents, wean them from their al-Qaida or Taliban suitors and win the indulgence, however grudging, of the leadership in Kabul or Baghdad. Such payments may help ensure a lull in the violence to allow U.S. forces to withdraw. But the enduring fallacy of such tactics was made clear in Vietnam.

The strategic hamlet and pacification programs of the early and mid-1960s featured U.S. operatives fanning out through the countryside to buy the quiescence of village and hamlet chiefs. But in the end, the only thing that this money purchased was a continued Balkanization of the political landscape. The local beneficiaries, including special police and paramilitary units, identified with their American bagmen, not with Vietnam's central government, and the government in turn remained suspicious of their loyalties. The moment U.S. dollars and protection were withdrawn, the central government cracked down, destroying whatever calm existed.

Such an adjustment is now going on in Iraq, where reports are mounting of Shiite vengeance against Sunnis. In Afghanistan, the "stabilizing" effect of U.S. forces and money is belied by a ragged security picture throughout the country and the resurgence of warlords.

In the last year and a half, as the Obama administration has staggered into its Afghan end-game, armed American drones and special commando operations have replaced the expensive counter-insurgency template designed by Army Gen. David H. Petraeus. But the resulting campaign of targeted killing may not be an improvement because it contains the same ghastly flaws the Phoenix program had in Vietnam. The Phoenix program, a de facto assassination operation run by the CIA and U.S. military and carried out by provincial Vietnamese units, helped put the Viet Cong on the ropes temporarily, by eliminating many of their most experienced fighters and political operatives.

But for all this, the North Vietnamese went on to win. In the end, Phoenix drove people into the arms of the enemy by killing civilians. The cause was often imperfect intelligence from local sources more interested in settling personal scores than in taking out the real enemy. News reports suggest that today's drone program suffers from similarly tainted targeting, as do periodic security sweeps that continue to deliver Taliban and al-Qaida suspects to allied detention centers.

Another problem in Vietnam was our choice of bedfellows. By the time I chauffeured the fleeing President Nguyen Van Thieu to Ton Son Nhut air base in late April 1975, some of us

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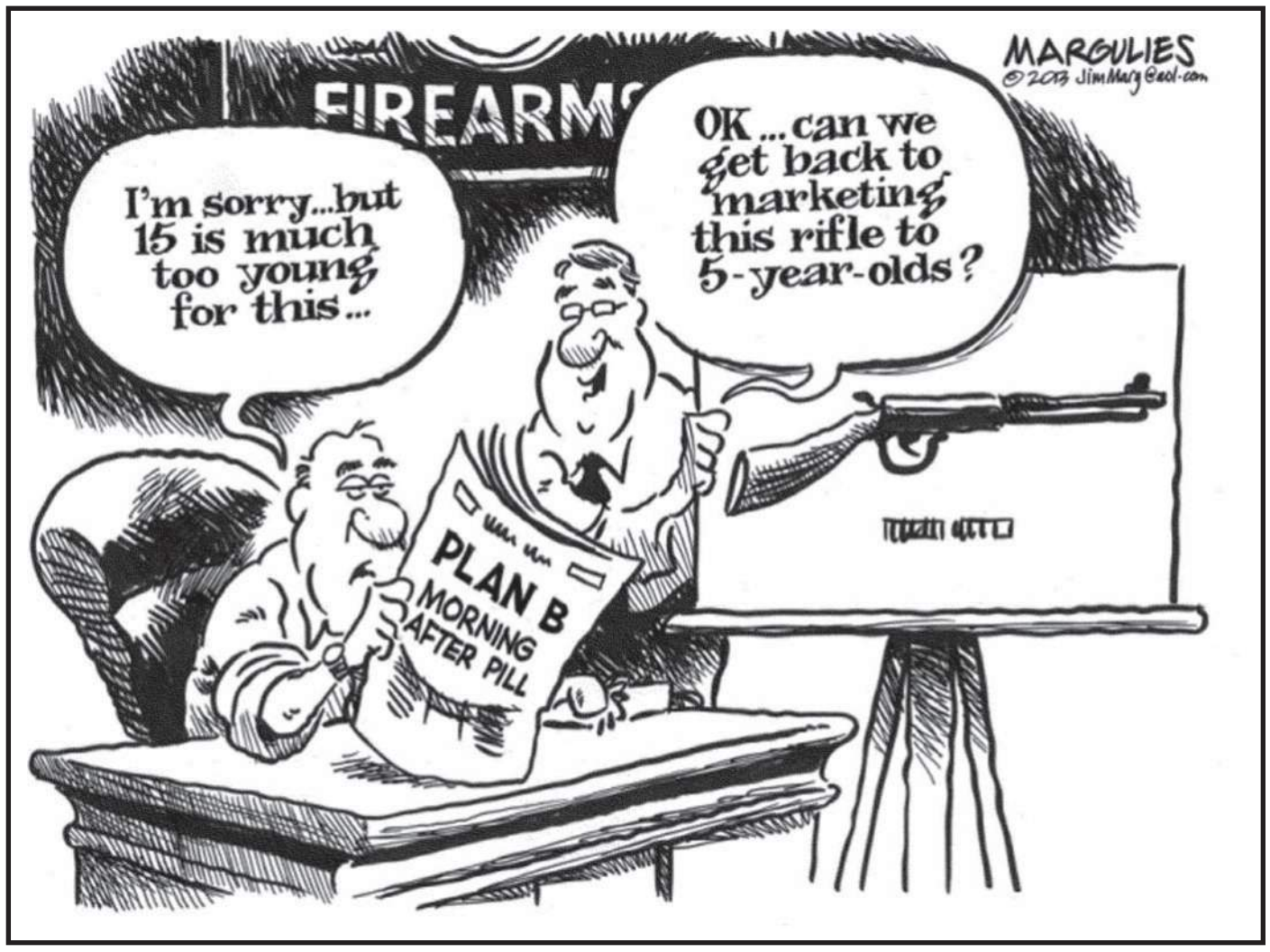
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PLAN B MORNING AFTER PILL

## The missal and the missile

**By JAIME VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The small park fronting the Friendship Villa of the International Education Center of Shenyang Aerospace University used to have a tent where foreign students spent their evenings downing bottles of Snow brew, the inexpensive brand in this part of the realm.

Of course, the tent came down last winter. When elaborate work in the area started this spring, we expected a moveable feast of a kiosk. We were mistaken. This week, we stared at a monstrous three-part missile from the nervy military.

China's ordnance technology is big on campus, with the university proud to have built an aircraft fighter on its own. The third generation of the J-15 fighter jet, comparable to the U.S. F-18 Hornet, hones its pedigree on campus. Students of Missile Control and Technology, a bachelor's level offering at the university, designed the projectiles used by the jet and the carrier.

Though China is playing catch-up to armaments technology behind the West and its allies, it is no stranger to technological inventions and innovations. Our gunpowder came from China's fireworks, the calculator from the abacus, and our Apple graphic-based Mac OS from China's calligraphy.

But its eminence in ordnance technology seems to come more as an accident at best, or a reaction at worst. The *Liaoning* aircraft carrier is a good example. Formerly the *Riga,* a USSR decommissioned aircraft carrier, Ukraine renamed it *Varyag* and auctioned it off after the Soviet break-up.

A Chinese company acquired it in 1998 to float as a hotel in *Aomen* (Macau, to the west). The Portuguese port authority demurred on the plan, so the ex-navy CEO and members of the board from Dalian sent it to be refurbished at the local shipyard.

The fully refitted and 2012 commissioned China aircraft carrier now flies its flag along those plying the waves of the China Sea, prominent of which is the mighty U.S. Seventh Fleet.

One of the more advanced societies of the 18th century, China lagged in the 19th behind Japan's Meiji that got a rude Commodore Perry wake-up call that sent Nippon on rapid expansion into Manchuria. Only in the last three decades did China move beyond the disastrous backyard ironworks and steel making ventures of the mid-20th century. Now, the Pentagon worries about China's drone program.

We would not allow China's flyboys to join the International SkyLab we share with the Russians so China launched its *Tiangong* on its own. It now hopes to put a man on the moon by 2030. Going by their track record, that projection might just be on the conservative side.

China in the last decade had been the world's commercial factory of everything. On a WalMart stop this February in Hawaii, were we to adorn our body from head to toe, 99 percent of all draping and accessories would have been labeled "Made In China."

As Japan was to the world in the '50s, China's products in the last decade have been deemed cheap in more ways than one. Consumers of quality products at the higher end of Chinese stores prefer anything but made in China! This extends to home and motor appliances, residential and office furnishings, machinery and electronics, jewelry and cosmetics, equipment and tools, food and other consumables.

That is changing. We are at the outset of a qualitative transition. Though we did not expect the step backward with a relic missile propped into our yard.

So, what's the missal in the title about? "Missal" is a book containing the texts used in the Catholic Mass throughout the year. The last time I saw one was when we visited Fr. Gary Bradley at Gualo Rai before he gave up the ghost.

(A personal aside: Fr. Gary was to solemnize my wedding to a Minnesota lady at a hotel chapel, along with a Korean Methodist pastor, an American Baptist preacher, and a Filipino Catholic nun. His diabetes kicked in before the occasion, hindering his attendance. It was providential. We might have been a bit too forward in our ecumenical thrust. Don Tomas at Chalan Kanoa might have demurred.)

I am a child of the Catholic and Reformation traditions gone *oikumene.* The wisdom of the missal, for all its archaic language, is my response to the missile.

In Oral English, we use a triangular representation of society, the social process. Life is economic, political, and cultural. The economic is survival and self-preservation driven, an "I" preoccupation. Self-interest remains the bedrock of economic growth. To sustain that survival, however, involves the drive to order chaos, enabling the organizing political "We". Because the survival instinct and social order are often at loggerheads, cultural values of which the missal is a relic referee the play in the tension of human individual and social consciousness.

Our cultural virtue, the "I/Me, We, and Thee (Thou)" of the Missal triumvirate, has now been resurrected as the "I, We, and *Tao*." We might have left our ordained chosen-ness behind on Saipan but one can never really get away from being an agent of just *The Way Life Is!*

That's where we are at, the missile notwithstanding. The I-Tao relationship is alive and well. (Fr. Gary, we think, would have approved.)

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# 902 talks: Kudos to Gov. Inos

Our salute to Gov. Eloy Inos for his timely efforts to reopening the 902 talks, the very vehicle under the Covenant Agreement that sets in motion (we've opted to ignore) refinement of U.S.-NMI relationship that started in 1978.

No other U.S. territory has ever been accommodated more, given the existence of an agreement between the federal government and its territories with a Covenant—not even the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

"It's all in the Covenant Agreement Sections 901-04 and Section 701," noted former House speaker Oscar C. Rasa, who was also a member of both the NMI Political Status Commission and the Congress of Micronesia's joint commission on future political status. While with the COM's joint commission, Rasa saw a clear view of options available where one could compare and contrast what would be best by way of a political status resulting from an informed decision (*an issue for future discussion*).

"Nothing in these provisions changed when the NMI was granted its non-voting delegate to the U.S. Congress," he pointed out.

Departments and agencies of the federal government have about 1,200 federal programs the NMI could review to aid in the development and strengthening of self-government. Such partnership should progressively allow the archipelago stronger economic foundation in order to achieve meaningful self-government.

For instance, Section 804 provides that the U.S. "will give sympathetic consideration to the advice of the NMI on international matters directly affecting" the islands. It further provides that the U.S. "will assist and facilitate the establishment by the NMI offices in the U.S. and in foreign countries to promote local tourist and other economic and cultural interests of the NMI."

The breadth and depth of this partnership are far larger than meets the eye. It is this very aspect of the agreement that gives both sides of the Pacific some meaningful vehicle to ensure that the NMI doesn't sink into becoming just another ward of the federal government. In fact, it should open up opportunities for fully considered economic undertakings with nearby Japan and Asian economies of scale. What grand opportunity to engage in some meaningful partnership to improve the lot of our people, difficult and protracted the effort may be.

We're keeping our fingers crossed that Gov. Inos would succeed in this effort where President Obama grants the reopening of the talks to formally address, under meaningful partnership, the needs of both governments.

The collective gains for the CNMI would be immeasurable if the non-voting delegate and the resident representative work both branches of the federal government to secure fully thought-out assistance at the federal level and assistance for the NMI in nearby international communities. Let's rekindle a lasting and meaningful partnership!

### Idealistic view of Pagan

We admire the outright open views of young scholars relating to the use of Pagan as a military outpost. We are especially fond of the call for "vision" in how leadership deals with difficult issues.

In all that was said, none of the participants alluded to pertinent provisions of the Covenant providing for future land needs and how eminent domain may be used to acquire additional land.

No one discussed the requirement of U.S. congressional approval for additional land and fees for land lease.

I didn't make this up. It's in Section 806 of the agreement and it may help coaches to ensure a thorough review of this document as they guide the views of students on the need for additional land in the CNMI. No perversion of the truth, please!

Perhaps the discussion should have focused on the presentation by the military of specific plans and whether such plans includes some semblance of resettlement or would Pagan be limited strictly for military purposes.

If the plan includes meaningful assimilation of resettlement, what basic infrastructure would be emplaced to assist the local folks in their new community on Pagan? A lease of the island would to be worked out. In doing so, how much would it be and where would the local government spend such fees?

### Health improvement

Proponents of Obamacare seem muted when a study came out pointing to an increase in healthcare cost and how such accommodation fails to improve the health of recipients of Medicaid. It also took away help for those with critical predispositions.

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Understandably, some 18,000 of our people are in this program. But would their participation lead them into becoming healthier folks or would they simply degenerate as their lifetime illnesses reach its pinnacle?

Food stamps, Medicaid, housing vouchers, and other entitlements may be good temporary cushion in a cataclysmic economy. But it goes without saying that our politicians have failed to provide a level and prosperous playing field for these folks to earn their dues with a sense of pride and common decency. This is the larger agenda most politicians prefer treating with off-island trips to watch ball games and gay marriage ceremonies. Not my cup of tea!

### Media: A sense of responsibility

When reviewing straight news stories for publication, we back off from inserting our personal agenda by simply presenting what's at issue and relevant views of subjects on the matter.

To delete relevant information by substituting it with *ad hominem* is to descend to the nether world of injustice: You deny your readers information they need to know. In the process, you ruin the integrity of the reporter who submitted the story. And there's the loss of credibility, too.

I may not like a person but it remains my responsibility to listen to relevant views on an issue. It's known in the trade as separating people from issues. And it begins with the self. Let the story pan out for as long as it is decently written with a sense of responsibility.

On the Pagan issue, I've seen the original script versus not the "edited" by "deleted" version. Don't be a part of the story by the purposeful substitution of irrelevant issues! No worries, we also know our hooked on phonics simple readers we may be.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# God help us!

Once upon a time, the people of the Mariana Island chain were conditioned by the occupying force to work for a living and everyone had to contribute to our society as a whole. World War II came and we were supposed to be liberated by another nation. Our forefathers were led to believe that the new occupying force would bring prosperity to future generations. Then came the Solomon Report. According to the report, many of our forefathers were uneducated and they relied on farming and fishing. Many were hired to work within the Trust Territory government and slowly our way of life was altered. The elitists and the business owners were molded to lead the rest of the uneducated population. Few were taught how to run a government entity and they were exposed to the idea that it will be in the best interest of the whole to have an association with the U.S. government.

The United States was worried that the six Micronesian Districts may want to become independent island nations. Substandard educational curriculum was the order of the day in order to save the United States taxpayers' money. Peace Corp volunteers were given the opportunity to indoctrinate the majority of our people to be dependent on the handout from the United States. The U.S. Department of Agriculture bombarded our society with free prepackaged food and their main intention was to make our community dependent on freebies.

Our mentalities were molded every which way that it may be influenced and our way of life of survival was strangled slowly but surely. When the time came for the plebiscite within our island chain, our elders were not warned that our souls and way of life were going up in smoke. Our economic zone, our air space, and the natural resources like the manganese in our ocean went to the federal government overnight.

My daughter's boyfriend called me bro and at times I wonder what our culture has turn into. In our early days, we were told to respect our elders and our neighbors. What happened to the very foundation of our identity? Do we continue to stand aside so our own culture will disappear? Do we continue to suckle on the freebies of the so-called food stamp program and other financial assistance from our dearest Uncle Sam? Are we going to stand aside and let Uncle Sam step on our necks each and every day? How far can we continue to bear the pain for our forefathers' mistake for being uneducated? What has become of our economic zone and our air space?

The Solomon Report was implemented when the CNMI Covenant was negotiated with the feds. During the Trust Territory days, the commissioner of the Trust Territory could overrule anything that the Congress of Micronesia implemented. To think about it, such practices exist up to this day within our CNMI government and our dearest Uncle may or can exercise whatever he wishes upon our island chain. Thanks to the food stamp program and other form of financial aids from the most powerful nation on earth, our billions if not trillions of dollars' fishing rights and our natural resource like the manganese in our ocean disappeared for our forefathers were not knowledgeable of what we had under our feet or in front of our faces. *Saina* and United Nations *ayuda ham todos giya islan* Mariana.

**Segundo Castro**
*Marpo Valley, Tinian*

## VIETNAM

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in the embassy had come to realize that political or military stability could not coexist with corrupt local leadership. But the last American ambassador to Vietnam had made allowances for Thieu and bent intelligence to cover his faults. In both Iraq and Afghanistan, we have continued to choose our allies unwisely and tolerate their corruption.

Richard Holbrooke, who until his death in 2010 was Obama's special adviser for Pakistan and Afghanistan, wrestled with another lesson from the Vietnam War, one he learned as a young pacification specialist in the Mekong Delta and a diplomat in Saigon. It was this: A war can't go well if the enemy is able to move in and out of the country safely thanks to sanctuaries in adjacent countries.

In Vietnam, he'd seen how the Viet Cong slipped into the south easily through Laos and Cambodia, which may have been why Holbrooke labored so diligently to persuade the Pakistanis to break off their enabler's role in the Afghan insurgency. But the tribal borderlands, along with factions of Pakistani intelligence, remain wellsprings of support for the Taliban and its fellow travelers in al-Qaida. Even Osama bin Laden was able to find a safe haven in Pakistan for years.

During my own 5 1/2 years in Vietnam, as a CIA analyst, interrogator and operative, I learned another relevant but bitter lesson: Truth does not easily survive the pressures of American troop drawdowns or shifts in policy. The last commanders and intelligence officers on the parapets of a fading U.S. commitment invariably try to put a good face on things, however little cause for optimism there is.

There had been plenty of warning that South Vietnam was going to fall by the time it did on April 29, 1975. But denial and wishful thinking prevented us from adequately preparing for the safety of the many Vietnamese who had cast their lot with us. Their cries of panic over CIA radios on the last day still tear at my conscience.

What haunts me most as the U.S. pullout continues in Afghanistan is the fate of the locals who have trusted our assurances. Let us hope, as the agency's Saigon station chief wrote in his last message from the embassy, that we have learned enough of history not to repeat it.

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# The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° |

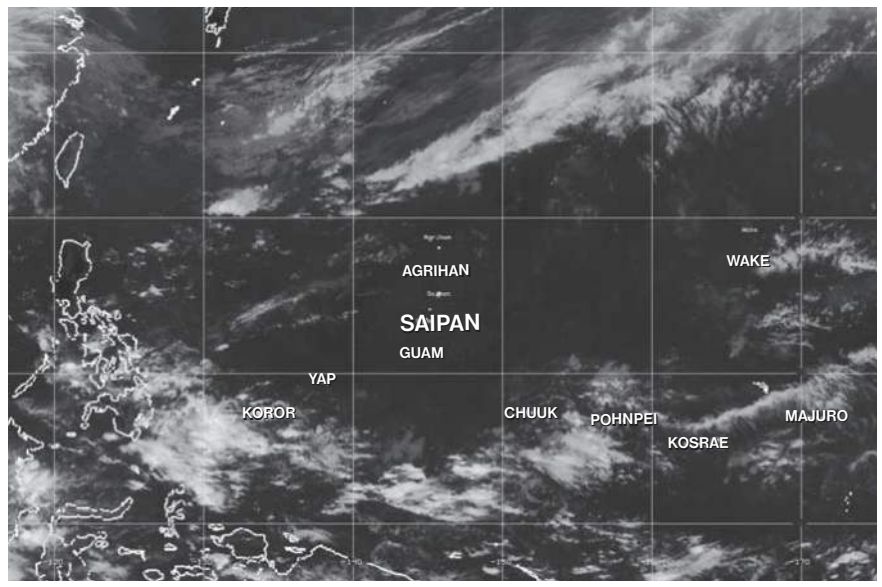
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Partly Cloudy | ▲89 | ▼81 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲89 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Cloudy | ▲92 | ▼78 |
| Chuuk | Showers | ▲88 | ▼81 |
| Pohnpei | Sunny | ▲87 | ▼80 |
| Kosrae | Sunny | ▲87 | ▼80 |
| Majuro | Showers | ▲86 | ▼80 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲67 | ▼59 |
| Beijing | Partly Cloudy | ▲82 | ▼62 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲80 | ▼75 |
| Honolulu | Mostly Sunny | ▲82 | ▼70 |
| London | Showers | ▲59 | ▼48 |
| Los Angeles | Showers | ▲68 | ▼55 |
| Manila | Cloudy | ▲94 | ▼83 |
| Melbourne | Partly Cloudy | ▲73 | ▼55 |
| Miami | Mostly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼64 |
| New York | Partly Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼56 |
| Osaka | Sunny | ▲70 | ▼50 |
| Paris | Showers | ▲66 | ▼53 |
| Pusan | Partly Cloudy | ▲67 | ▼56 |
| Rome | Partly Cloudy | ▲70 | ▼58 |
| Salem | Sunny | ▲78 | ▼48 |
| San Francisco | Mostly Sunny | ▲63 | ▼53 |
| Seoul | Mostly Sunny | ▲76 | ▼52 |
| Tokyo | Sunny | ▲70 | ▼53 |
| Washington, DC | Rain | ▲67 | ▼59 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front extends southwestward from near Minami Tori Shima at 25N153E to beyond 130E at 20N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen between the northern CNMI and Iwo To island along and up to 300 miles northwest of the front. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in several areas across Micronesia. The first area is near Palau within 150 miles of a line from 6N130E to 4N140E. The second area is well southeast of Yap and near Chuuk and Pohnpei within 150 miles of a line from 3N142E to 4N152E to 10N157E. The last area is south of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 5N167E to 1N180.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1:26 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.8 Feet |
| 7:00 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 2:04 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.0 Feet |
| 8:34 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:51 AM | 6:36 PM |
| Thursday | 5:50 AM | 6:37 PM |
| Friday | 5:50 AM | 6:37 PM |
| Saturday | 5:50 AM | 6:37 PM |
| Sunday | 5:49 AM | 6:38 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 4:20 AM | 5:09 PM |
| Thursday | 5:02 AM | 5:59 PM |
| Friday | 5:46 AM | 6:50 PM |
| Saturday | 6:31 AM | 7:40 PM |
| Sunday | 7:18 AM | 8:29 PM |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 6, 2013

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:35am | 5:25am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5062 | 4:50am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5068 | 8:35am | 9:25am | Daily |
| UA5074 | 11:20am | 12:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5076 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | Daily |
| UA5078 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | Daily |
| UA5072 | 9:45pm | 10:35pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:25pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ606 | 2:55am | 6:35am | 1 |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 4:10am | 8:00am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SYL9950 | 6:40pm | 1:30am+1 | 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/701 | 2:55am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:35am | 9:55am | 6 via GUM |
| UA5062/191 | 4:50am | 9:55am | 3 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 10:05pm | Daily via NRT |
| UA5068/PR111 | 8:35am | 4:35pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| US5074/PR111 | 11:20am | 4:35pm | 1, 5, 7 via GUM |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | Daily via ICN |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/721 | 2:55am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5076/147 | 3:10pm | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| OZ604/745 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA 5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA5073 | 10:00am | 10:50am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5075 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5077 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | Daily |
| UA5079 | 8:20pm | 9:10pm | Daily |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 3:45am | 4:20am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5038 | 11:15am | 11:50am | 6 |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:15pm | 12:50am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 1, 4, 6, 7 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 7:55pm | 3:10am+1 | 4, 7 |

**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SYL9949 | 12:45pm | 5:20pm | 7 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PR110/UA5072 | 7:55am | 6:25pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL172/288 | 8:00am | 12:50am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 10:55am | 6:25pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA190/5079 | 10:55am | 9:10pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA184/5071 | 10:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ704/603 | 11:45pm | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| UA184/5071 | 11:35pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ746/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 10:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |
| UA180/5071 | 10:50pm | 8:05am+1 | 3, 6 GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
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# Island Snapshots

## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Century Insurance Group recently had its first quarterly meeting of 2013 in Guam. Photo shows participants having dinner at the Proa Hagatna on April 30, 2013. From left, Mrs. Lujan, Tim Lujan, CIG VP; Lorraine Toule, CIC PNG GM; Joel Thompson, president, Auclair Re; Ryan Springall, Aon Benfield analyst; Nel Matanguihan, CIC Guam GM; Gol Corpuz, CIC Saipan GM; Brion Kanda, CIG VP; Mrs. Kanda; George Chiu, CIG president; and Mrs. Chiu.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to the best husband and father in the world, Shawn M. Camacho, who is celebrating his special day today, May 8! May you have a wonderful, exciting, and awesome day! Wishing you all the greatest gifts life could offer! You deserve only the best! Lots of love from Vanessa and Shalei.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## ETC DONATION

Victoria Borja Concepcion, general manager of First Hawaiian Bank (Oleai Branch), presents an ETC donation to acting vice principal Jonathan Pangelinan Cabrera of Saipan Southern High School.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## TINIAN FUNDRAISER

Members of the Tinian Lions Club and their counterparts from Guam and Saipan have their picture taken after hosting a dinner fundraiser at the JC Cafe. The event was attended by several prominent members of the Tinian community and by District Governor Herbie Perez, seated center; District Governor-elect Annabel Dancel, seated third from left; and Saipan Marianas Lions Club president Paul Madriaga, front right.

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## MATH WHIZZES

Math Court coordinator and volunteers led by Reo Arriola, standing left, pose for a group photo with the overall winners of the recently concluded Public School System Statewide Math Court Competition for K-2 Division held in Dandan Elementary School. Student winners from right are gold medalist Allia Raine Pillarina, bronze awardee Joseph Victor Jiminez, fourth placer Katie Choi, silver awardee Bridgit Tabuena, and fifth placer Mary Grace Caras.

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## SAIPAN AVENUE

Firebaugh, California is where Dr. Oscar M. Sablan and his family have lived for over 35 years. His wife, Dr. Marcia Sablan, MD, is the mayor of Firebaugh. They have been providing medical services to that city and the City Council has named the main thoroughfare Saipan Avenue.

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## TOURISM MONTH

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider proclaim May as CNMI Tourism Month during a proclamation signing at the Office of the Governor on May 2, 2013. The month's celebration is highlighted by the 15th Annual Taste of the Marianas, which happens every Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

# Business

# Senate passes bill letting states tax online sales

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Senate sided with traditional retailers and financially strapped state and local governments Monday by passing a bill that would widely subject online shopping—for many a largely tax-free frontier—to state sales taxes.

The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 69 to 27, getting support from Republicans and Democrats alike. But opposition from some conservatives who view it as a tax increase will make it a tougher sell in the House. President Barack Obama has conveyed his support for the measure.

Under current law, states can only require retailers to collect sales taxes if the store has a physical presence in the state.

That means big retailers with stores all over the country like Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Target collect sales taxes when they sell goods over the Internet. But online retailers like eBay and Amazon don't have to collect sales taxes, except in states where they have offices or distribution centers.

AP

This photo taken May 2, 2013, shows Sarah Davis, co-owner of Fashionphile.com, posing with her bags in a company warehouse in the Carlsbad, Calif. The Internet company sells rare, vintage, and discontinued previous owned bags and is facing the complicated task of dealing with new state regulations on Internet sale taxes.

As a result, many online sales are tax-free, giving Internet retailers an advantage over brick-and-mortar stores.

"We ought to have a structure in place in the states that treats all retail the same," said Matthew Shay, president and CEO of the National Retail Federation. "Small retailers are collecting (sales tax) on the first dollar of any sale they make, and it's only fair that other retailers who are selling to those same customers the same product have those same obligations."

The bill would empower states to require businesses to collect taxes for products they sell on the Internet, in catalogs and through radio and TV ads. Under the legislation, the sales taxes would be sent to the state where the shopper lives.

Supporters say the current tax disparity is turning some traditional stores into showrooms, where shoppers pick out items they like, then buy them on the Internet to avoid sales taxes.

"It's about the way commerce has changed in America," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "Bookstores, stores that sell running shoes, bicycles and appliances are at a distinct disadvantage. They've become showrooms."

Internet giant eBay is leading the fight against the bill, along with lawmakers from states with no sales tax and several prominent anti-tax groups. The bill's opponents say it would put an expensive obligation on small businesses because they are not as equipped as national merchandisers to collect and remit sales taxes at the multitude of state rates.

"Giant retailers have a requirement to collect sales taxes nationwide because they have physical presence nationwide," eBay president John Donahoe wrote in an online column over the weekend. "Likewise, today small retail stores and online retailers collect sales taxes for the one state where they are located. That's a fair requirement."

"If the bill passes, small online businesses would have the same tax compliance obligations and face the same enforcement risks as giant retailers, despite the fact that they are usually located in just one state."

## Wal-Mart Stores takes back top spot in Fortune 500

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Wal-Mart Stores Inc. once again leads Fortune's list of the 500 biggest U.S. companies by revenue, as the world's largest retailer succeeded in posting strong growth despite a challenging economy for its shoppers.

The Bentonville, Ark., company's revenue grew nearly 6 percent in 2012 to $469.2 billion.

Exxon Mobil Corp. dropped to the second spot, with revenue of $449.9 billion, but was still the most profitable. Energy companies continued to dominate the top of the list, with rival oil and gas producer Chevron Corp. holding steady at No. 3 and refiners Valero Energy Corp. and Phillips 66, spun off from ConocoPhillips last year, joining the top 10.

Fortune Magazine released its annual ranking on Monday.

Moving up two spots to No. 5 is Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc., which owns everything from insurers to railroads to newspaper publishers and is in the process of acquiring Heinz Co. Manufacturing stalwarts General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co. and General Electric Co. slipped in the survey but all remained in the top 10.

Bigger sales of iPads and iPhones helped Apple Inc. jump 11 spots to crack the top 10 for the first time, landing at No. 6. The Cupertino, Calif., company's soaring stock price also made it one of the most valuable companies by market cap last year, though shares have since posted a double-digit decline.

Another technology bellwether wasn't as fortunate. Hewlett-Packard Co. slipped to No. 15 from No. 10 as the Palo Alto, Calif., technology pioneer struggled with a broad consumer shift from PCs to smartphones and tablets and its own accounting missteps.

Also off the top 10 is government mortgage provider Fannie Mae, which dropped four spots to No. 12.

Meanwhile, social media powerhouse Facebook Inc., which last year went public in one of the biggest initial public offerings ever, debuted at 482 on the Fortune 500.

## Bashful men can buy the little blue pill online

**TRENTON, N.J.** (AP)—Men who are bashful about needing help in the bedroom no longer have to go to the drugstore to buy that little blue pill.

In a first for the drug industry, Pfizer Inc. told The Associated Press that the drugmaker will begin selling its popular erectile dysfunction pill Viagra to patients on its website.

AP

This undated photo provided by pfizer shows Viagra pills.

Men still will need a prescription to buy the blue, diamond-shaped pill on viagra.com, but they no longer have to face a pharmacist to get it filled. And for those who are bothered by Viagra's steep $25-a-pill price, Pfizer is offering three free pills with the first order and 30 percent off the second one.

Pfizer's bold move upends the drug industry's distribution model. Drugmakers don't sell medicines directly to patients. Instead, they sell in bulk to wholesalers, who then distribute the drugs to pharmacies, hospitals and doctors' offices.

But the world's second-largest drugmaker is trying a new strategy to tackle a problem that plagues the industry. Illegal online pharmacies increasingly offer patients counterfeit versions of Viagra and other brand-name drugs for up to 95 percent off with no prescription needed. Patients don't realize the drugs are most often fake or that legitimate pharmacies require a prescription.

Other major drugmakers likely will watch Pfizer's move closely. If it works, drugmakers could begin selling other medicines that are rampantly counterfeited and sold online, particularly treatments for non-urgent conditions seen as embarrassing. Think diet drugs, medicines for baldness and birth control pills.

"If it works, everybody will hop on the train," says Les Funtleyder, a health care strategist at private equity firm Poliwogg who believes Pfizer's site will attract "fence-sitters" who are nervous about buying online.

But it won't be the end of drugstores, as pharmaceutical companies aren't allowed to fill orders for prescription drugs from individual patients. So Pfizer is having national drugstore chain CVS Caremark Corp. fill the orders placed on viagra.com.

## Lou Leon Guerrero joins banking school board

**HAGATNA, Guam**—The board of directors, management and staff of Bank of Guam are pleased to announce the appointment of Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam board chair, president and chief executive officer, to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Pacific Bankers Management Institute, which oversees the Pacific Coast Banking School.

Over its 75 years of operations, the Pacific Coast Banking School has graduated over 10,000 bankers. In partnership with the University of Washington Graduate School of Business, PCBS is a three-year graduate-level banking and leadership educational program focused on the financial services industry.

Leon Guerrero

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| British Pound | 0.6432 | Indian Rupee | 54.2496 | Singapore Dollar | 1.2313 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.0072 | Indonesian Rupiah | 9736.02 | South Korean Won | 1093.6 |
| Chinese Yuan | 6.1625 | Japanese Yen | 99.1001 | Swiss Franc | 0.9376 |
| Euro | 0.7642 | Malaysian Ringgit | 2.9757 | Taiwan Dollar | 29.532 |
| | | New Zealand Dollar | 1.1771 | Thailand Baht | 29.662 |

# Nation

## 3 missing women found in Ohio, 3 brothers arrested

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Three women who went missing separately about a decade ago, when they were in their teens or early 20s, had been tied up and held in a home just south of downtown before being found Monday, and three brothers were arrested, police said.

One of the women frantically told a 911 dispatcher the person who had taken her was gone, and she pleaded for police officers to come and get her, saying, "I'm free now."

Cheering crowds gathered Monday night on the street near the home where police said Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight had been held since they went missing and were found earlier in the day.

Police didn't immediately provide any details of how the women were found but said they appeared to be in good health and had been taken to a hospital to be reunited with relatives and to be evaluated. They said a 6-year-old also was found in the home.

On a recorded 911 call Monday, Berry declared, "I'm Amanda Berry. I've been on the news for the last 10 years."

She said she had been taken by someone and begged for police officers to arrive at the home on Cleveland's west side before he returned.

AP

Neighbor Charles Ramsey speaks to media near the home on the 2200 block of Seymour Avenue, where three missing women were rescued in Cleveland, on Monday, May 6, 2013.

"I've been kidnapped, and I've been missing for 10 years," she told the dispatcher. "And I'm here. I'm free now."

Berry disappeared at age 16 on April 21, 2003, when she called her sister to say she was getting a ride home from her job at a Burger King. DeJesus went missing at age 14 on her way home from school about a year later. They were found just a few miles from where they had gone missing.

Police said Knight went missing in 2002 and is 32 now. They didn't provide current ages for the other two women.

Police said one of the brothers, a 52-year-old, lived at the home. They released no names and gave no details about the others arrested or what charges they might face.

Dozens of police officers and sheriff's deputies remained at the scene late Monday awaiting a warrant to search the building where the women and the child were found.

Loved ones said they hadn't given up hope of seeing the women again. Among them was Kayla Rogers, a childhood friend of DeJesus.

"I've been praying, never forgot about her, ever," Rogers told The Plain Dealer newspaper. "This is amazing. This is a celebration. I'm so happy. I just want to see her walk out of those doors so I can hug her."

## Limo driver: Fire took three minutes to claim five lives

**REDWOOD CITY, Calif.** (AP)—First came the tapping. Over the blasting music, limo driver Orville Brown heard someone in the backseat knock on the partition behind him, saying something about smoke. No smoking allowed, he told the crowd of partying women.

Then the taps turned to urgent knocks, and someone screamed "Smoke, smoke" and "Pull over!"

In just a few fleeting moments, five of the women celebrating a girls' night out were killed by flames that overtook the luxury car with terrifying speed.

As smoke thickened in the passenger compartment, Brown pulled the white stretch limo to a stop on a bridge over San Francisco Bay and started pulling women out through the partition that separated him from his passengers.

Three good Samaritans, including a firefighter, stopped to help. The first woman who got out ran to the back and yanked open a door, but Brown said it was already too late.

"I knew it wasn't a good scene. I figured with all that fire that they were gone, man," Brown said. "There were just so many flames. Within maybe 90 seconds, the car was fully engulfed."

From the first tap on the window until the rear of car became an inferno couldn't have taken more than three minutes, Brown told the San Francisco Chronicle.

Authorities searched for answers Monday, hoping to learn what sparked the blaze and why five of the victims could not escape the fast-spreading flames.

The women who were killed in the Saturday night blaze were found pressed up against the 3-foot by 1 1/2-foot partition, apparently because smoke and fire kept them from the rear exits of the extended passenger compartment.

The position of the bodies suggested they were trying to get away from the fire, said San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucrault.

The women were celebrating the wedding of a newlywed friend, Neriza Fojas, who was among the dead.

Fojas and another of the fatalities, Michelle Estrera, were nurses at Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno. The remaining three victims have not been identified.

The medical center's CEO, Jack Chubb, said in a statement Monday that Fojas and Estrera were outstanding nurses, loved by their patients, colleagues and staff.

"Both were good friends, stellar nurses and excellent mentors who served as preceptors to new nurses," he said. "We'll dearly miss these two special people who have touched our lives."

A relative of Fojas said the young nurse was preparing to get her master's degree and was planning a large second wedding in the Philippines.

Christina Kitts said Monday that Fojas lived in Hawaii while she reviewed for her nursing exam, then took a job in Oakland for two years before moving to Fresno, where she had been a nurse at Community Regional Medical Center for a year.

## East about to be overrun by billions of cicadas

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Any day now, billions of cicadas with bulging red eyes will crawl out of the earth after 17 years underground and overrun the East Coast. The insects will arrive in such numbers that people from North Carolina to Connecticut will be outnumbered roughly 600-to-1. Maybe more.

Scientists even have a horror-movie name for the infestation: Brood II. But as ominous as that sounds, the insects are harmless. They won't hurt you or other animals. At worst, they might damage a few saplings or young shrubs. Mostly they will blanket certain pockets of the region, though lots of people won't ever see them.

"It's not like these hordes of cicadas suck blood or zombify people," says May Berenbaum, a University of Illinois entomologist.

They're looking for just one thing: sex. And they've been waiting quite a long time.

Since 1996, this group of 1-inch bugs, in wingless nymph form, has been a few feet underground, sucking on tree roots and biding their time. They will emerge only when the ground temperature reaches precisely 64 degrees. After a few weeks up in the trees, they will die and their offspring will go underground, not to return until 2030.

"It's just an amazing accomplishment," Berenbaum says. "How can anyone not be impressed?"

AP

This photo provided by the University of Connecticut shows a cicada in Pipestem State Park in West Virginia on May 27, 2003.

And they will make a big racket, too. The noise all the male cicadas make when they sing for sex can drown out your own thoughts, and maybe even rival a rock concert. In 2004, Gene Kritsky, an entomologist at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, measured cicadas at 94 decibels, saying it was so loud "you don't hear planes flying overhead."

There are ordinary cicadas that come out every year around the world, but these are different. They're called magicicadas—as in magic—and are red-eyed. And these magicicadas are seen only in the eastern half of the United States, nowhere else in the world.

There are 15 U.S. broods that emerge every 13 or 17 years, so that nearly every year, some place is overrun. Last year it was a small area, mostly around the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee. Next year, two places get hit: Iowa into Illinois and Missouri; and Louisiana and Mississippi. And it's possible to live in these locations and actually never see them.

This year's invasion, Brood II, is one of the bigger ones. Several experts say that they really don't have a handle on how many cicadas are lurking underground but that 30 billion seems like a good estimate. At the Smithsonian Institution, researcher Gary Hevel thinks it may be more like 1 trillion.

## Mass. funeral director chasing burial offers

**BOSTON** (AP)—A Massachusetts funeral director said Monday he has received burial offers for more than 100 out-of-state graves for the body of a Boston Marathon bombing suspect who was killed in a gun battle with police but none are panning out, even as Tamerlan Tsarnaev's mother told him she wants the body returned to Russia.

Worcester funeral home director Peter Stefan said none of the 120 grave offers from the U.S. and Canada, have worked out because, when he calls officials of the cities or towns involved, nobody wants the body.

Stefan also said that, despite the request by Tsarnaev's mother, he doesn't think Russia will take the body. He said he made calls to Russia, but that it was hard to get anyone to respond. He said he is working on other arrangements, but declined to be more specific.

Meanwhile, a friend of the surviving suspect in the bombings was released from federal custody Monday amid a swell of support from family and friends, but was under strict house arrest and only allowed to leave his home to meet with lawyers and for true emergencies. Also, the administrator of the One Fund Boston released the protocol for payouts of the fund, with the families of those who lost loved ones and individuals who suffered double amputations or permanent brain damage in the bombings receiving the highest payments.

# Asia

## Philippines' Mayon Volcano spews rocks, kills 5 climbers

AP

A cloud of volcanic ash shoots up to the sky as Mayon volcano, one of the Philippines' most active volcanoes, erupts after daybreak, viewed from Legazpi city Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—One of the Philippines' most active volcanoes spewed huge rocks and ash after daybreak Tuesday, killing at least five climbers and trapping more than a dozen others near the crater in its first eruption in three years, officials said.

Rescue teams and helicopters were sent to Mayon volcano in the central Philippines to bring out the dead. At least seven were injured from a group of about 20 mountaineers who were caught by surprise by the sudden eruption, Albay provincial Gov. Joey Salceda said. Clouds have cleared over the volcano, which was quiet later in the morning.

The climbers who died were struck by huge rocks, guide Kenneth Jesalva told ABS-CBN TV network by cellphone from a camp near the crater. They included a German, an Austrian and a Filipino.

The injured included foreigners and Filipino guides. Some were in critical condition, said the chief of the national disaster agency, Eduardo del Rosario.

Jesalva said he was in the group that spent the night on the picturesque mountain, known for its almost-perfect cone, when the volcano rumbled back to life early in the morning and rocks "as big as a living room" came raining down on them. He rushed back to the base camp to call for help.

The head of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, Renato Solidum, said Tuesday's eruption was normal for the restive Mayon, about 340 kilometers (212 miles) southeast of Manila. It has erupted about 40 times during the last 400 years.

In 2010, thousands of residents moved to temporary shelters when the volcano ejected ash in an 8-kilometer (5-mile) zone surrounding the crater.

Solidum said that no alert was raised for the volcano following the latest eruption and no evacuation was being planned. Climbers are not allowed when an alert is up, and the recent calm may have encouraged this week's trek.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Bangladesh police, Islamic activists clash; 27 die

**DHAKA, Bangladesh** (AP)—Police banned all rallies in Bangladesh's capital through midnight Monday after at least 27 people died in clashes between police and Islamic hardliners demanding that the government enact an anti-blasphemy law, officials said. The protesters blocked roads with burning tires and logs during more than five hours of clashes. They also attacked a police station and set fire to at least 30 vehicles, including police trucks, private Ekattar TV reported. A police official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said 13 people, including two police and a paramilitary soldier, were killed in clashes in Kanchpur just outside Dhaka. He said seven others died in Motijheel, a commercial area of the capital.

#### Bomb at Pakistan Islamist party rally kills 16

**PARACHINAR, Pakistan** (AP)—A bomb blast tore through a political rally held by an Islamist party in northwest Pakistan Monday, in an attack claimed by the Pakistani Taliban that killed 16 people and underscored an increase in violence ahead of the May 11 vote. The explosion, at a rally held in the village of Sewak in the northwest Kurram tribal area, was the latest attack on candidates, political offices and election-related events as the vote approaches. Much of the violence is believed to have been carried out by the Taliban against three liberal and secular parties. The bomb, which was apparently planted near the main stage of the rally, killed 16 and left 44 wounded, said Umar Khan, a doctor at the nearby Sada hospital where many of the wounded were initially taken.

#### Bangladesh building collapse toll hits 675

**DHAKA, Bangladesh** (AP)—Bangladeshi police are investigating possible murder charges against the owner of a shoddily built factory that collapsed nearly two weeks ago after the wife of a garment worker crushed in the accident filed a complaint. The development comes as officials said Monday that the death toll from the country's worst industrial disaster had reached 675. Sheuli Akter, the wife of Jahangir Alam, filed the complaint with Dhaka magistrate Wasim Sheikh, saying her husband and other workers were "pushed toward death" by building owner Mohammed Sohel Rana and two others.

#### China hosting both Palestinian, Israeli leaders

**BEIJING** (AP)—China is hosting both the Palestinian and Israeli leaders this week in a sign of its desire for a larger role in the Middle East. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was welcomed by his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in Beijing on Monday, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu began a visit to the eastern financial hub of Shanghai. Netanyahu is due in Beijing on Wednesday following Abbas' departure a day earlier. China's Foreign Ministry said last week it would be willing to help set up a meeting between Abbas and Netanyahu if the two men wanted. Talks between the Israeli and Palestinian sides have been deadlocked for four years and there was no indication a meeting would take place.

# World

## Israeli airstrike in Syria aimed at Iran

AP

In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, damaged buildings wrecked by an Israeli airstrike are seen in Damascus, Syria, Sunday, May 5, 2013.

**BEIRUT** (AP)—From Israel's perspective, its airstrikes near Damascus were more about Iran than Syria: Tehran's shipment of guided missiles destroyed in the weekend attacks would have posed a potent threat had the weapons reached Iranian proxy Hezbollah in Lebanon.

While Israel says it has no interest getting involved in the Syrian civil war, it could find itself drawn into the conflict if Syrian leader Bashar Assad's Iranian patrons continue to use his territory to ship arms to Hezbollah.

Repeated Israeli strikes would almost certainly prompt Syrian retaliation, yielding a nightmare scenario in which Israel finds itself in a Syrian morass teeming with jihadi rebels, sectarian hatred and chemical weapons.

For the West, it offers another compelling argument that the Syrian war must somehow be brought to an end.

Since the uprising in Syria began in March 2011, Israel has carefully avoided taking sides.

At the same time, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly declared a series of red lines that could trigger Israeli military intervention, including the delivery of "game-changing" weapons to Hezbollah.

The first test of this policy came in January when an Israeli airstrike in Syria destroyed a shipment of advanced anti-aircraft missiles bound for Hezbollah, according to U.S. officials.

Israel and Hezbollah fought an inconclusive monthlong war in 2006 and are bitter enemies.

When Israeli intelligence determined last week that sophisticated Iranian-made Fateh-110 missiles had entered Syria, the military prepared to strike again.

Although Israel has not officially confirmed the operation, a senior official said a first airstrike at a Damascus airport early Friday destroyed most of the shipment, while a series of subsequent airstrikes on nearby locations Sunday took out the remnants of the missiles. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss a covert military mission.

Residents in Damascus said they felt and heard several huge blasts before dawn Sunday. Radwan Midani, a 25-year-old office assistant, said he "saw the sky light up."

Midani and others in the Syrian capital said they were more concerned about random mortar attacks by the rebels on their areas than Israeli strikes.

The rebels' weapons are less accurate than Israeli missiles, said Fadi, a 29-year-old businessman who would not give his last name for fear of repercussions for talking to the foreign media.

While also less concerned about the Israeli strikes, "it's very disgusting to have the Israeli mess around with our country's sovereignty," he said in a phone interview.

Assad's regime has tried to portray the rebels as traitors engaged in a foreign-led conspiracy. Syrian officials stepped up those claims after Sunday's strikes, alleging the opposition is cooperating with Israel.

The Israeli attacks pose a problem for those trying to topple Assad because ordinary Syrians might be convinced that there is something to the regime claims, said Elizabeth O'Bagy of the Institute for the Study of War, a Washington think tank.

## Nigerian military plane crashes in Niger; 2 dead

**NIAMEY, Niger** (AP)—An airport official in the capital of Niger says a military plane from Nigeria has crashed, killing the two people aboard.

Chaibou Massalatchi, the head of Niamey's airport, said the plane had taken off Monday to do a reconnaissance mission.

The Nigerian military is taking part in the regional effort to support France's operation in northern Mali.

Nigerian Brig. Gen. Chris Olukolade said two pilots were killed when the Alpha jet fighter went down 37 miles (60 kilometers) west of Niamey.

France launched the military operation in January to oust al-Qaida-linked jihadists from power in northern Mali.

Some 6,000 troops from neighboring countries including Nigeria and Niger have been taking part, though Chad has said it's withdrawing its nearly 2,000 soldiers.

## Italy's ex-premier Giulio Andreotti dies at 94

**ROME** (AP)—Giulio Andreotti personified the nation he helped shape, the good and the bad.

One of Italy's most important postwar figures, he helped draft the country's constitution after World War II, served seven times as premier and spent 60 years in Parliament.

But the Christian Democrat who was friends with popes and cardinals was also a controversial figure who survived corruption scandals and allegations of aiding the Mafia: Andreotti was accused of exchanging a "kiss of honor" with the mob's longtime No. 1 boss and was indicted in what was called "the trial of the century" in Palermo.

He was eventually cleared, but his legacy was forever marred.

Still clinging to his last official title, senator-for-life, Andreotti died Monday at age 94 after an extended period of poor health that included a hospitalization for a heart ailment.

He was married to Livia Danese. He is survived by his wife, their four children and their grandchildren.

# Focus

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Some of the *man'amko* at the Aging Center sing and dance for the audience before the start of the program on April 26, during which Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed the proclamation declaring the month of May as Older Americans Month/*Mes Man'amku/Marameer Tuufeyil Amerikkonu* 2013.

# Long-term care in aging US: Not for me, poll says

By JENNIFER AGIESTA and LAURAN NEERGAARD
THE ASSOCIATE PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—We're in denial: Americans underestimate their chances of needing long-term care as they get older—and are taking few steps to get ready.

A new poll examined how people 40 and over are preparing for this difficult and often pricey reality of aging and found two-thirds say they've done little to no planning.

In fact, 3 in 10 would rather not think about getting older at all. Only a quarter predict it's very likely that they'll personally need help getting around or caring for themselves during their senior years, according to the poll by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

That's a surprise considering the poll found more than half of the 40-plus crowd already have been caregivers for an impaired relative or friend—seeing from the other side the kind of assistance they, too, are likely to need later on.

"I didn't think I was old. I still don't think I'm old," explained retired schoolteacher Malinda Bowman, 60, of Laura, Ohio.

Bowman has been a caregiver twice, first for her grandmother. Then after her father died in 2006, Bowman moved in with her mother, caring for her until her death in January. Yet Bowman has made few plans for herself.

"I guess I was focused on caring for my grandmother and mom and dad, so I didn't really think about myself," she said. "Everything we had was devoted to taking care of them."

The poll found most people expect family to step up if they need long-term care—even though 6 in 10 haven't talked with loved ones about the possibility and how they'd like it to work.

Bowman said she's healthy now but expects to need help someday from her two grown sons. Last month, prompted by a brother's fall and blood clot, she began the conversation by telling her youngest son about her living will and life insurance policy.

"I need to plan eventually," she acknowledged.

Those family conversations are crucial: Even if they want to help, do your relatives have the time, money and know-how? What starts as driving Dad to the doctor or picking up his groceries gradually can turn into feeding and bathing him, maybe even doing tasks once left to nurses such as giving injections or cleaning open wounds. If loved ones can't do all that, can they afford to hire help? What if you no longer can live alone?

"The expectation that your family is going to be there when you need them often doesn't mean they understand the full extent of what the job of caregiving will be," Susan Reinhard, a nurse who directs AARP's Public Policy Institute, said. "Your survey is pointing out a problem for not just people approaching the need for long-term care, but for family members who will be expected to take on the huge responsibility of providing care."

Most people who have been caregivers called the work both worthwhile and stressful. And on the other end, those who have received care are less apt to say they can rely on their families in times of need, the poll found.

With a rapidly aging population, more families will be facing those responsibilities. Government figures show nearly 7 in 10 Americans will need long-term care at some point after they reach age 65, whether it's from a relative, a home health aide, assisted living or a nursing home. On average, they'll need that care for three years.

**ON THE NET**
- Government long-term care primer: http://longtermcare.gov
- AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research: http://www.apnorc.org

Despite the "it won't happen to me" reaction, the AP-NORC Center poll found half of those surveyed think just about everyone will need some assistance at some point. There are widespread misperceptions about how much care costs and who will pay for it. Nearly 60 percent of those surveyed underestimated the cost of a nursing home, which averages more than $6,700 a month.

Medicare doesn't pay for the most common types of long-term care. Yet

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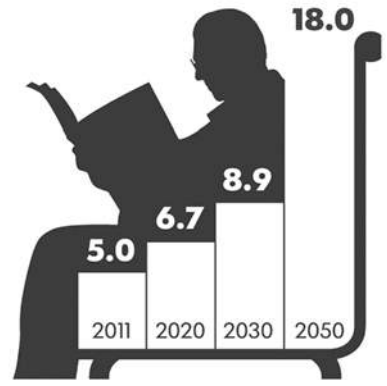
**'Oldest old' crowd growing rapidly**

Americans 85 and over, in millions:




**Note** 2020-2050 are projections
**Source** Census Bureau
ANNE R. CAREY AND KARL GELLES, USA TODAY

37 percent of those surveyed mistakenly think it will pay for a nursing home and even more expect it to cover a home health aide when that's only approved under certain conditions.

The harsh reality: Medicaid, the federal-state program for the poor, is the main payer of long-term care in the U.S., and to qualify seniors must have spent most of their savings and assets. But fewer than half of those polled think they'll ever need Medicaid—even though only a third are setting aside money for later care, and just 27 percent are confident they'll have the financial resources they'll need.

In Cottage Grove, Ore., Police Chief Mike Grover, 64, says his retirement plan means he could afford a nursing home. And like 47 percent of those polled, he's created an advance directive, a legal document outlining what medical care he'd want if he couldn't communicate.

Otherwise, Grover said he hasn't thought much about his future care needs. He knows caregiving is difficult, as he and his brother are caring for their 85-year-old mother.

Still, "until I cross that bridge, I don't know what I would do. I hope that my kids and wife will pick the right thing," he said. "It depends on my physical condition, because I do not want to be a burden to my children."

The AP-NORC Center poll found widespread support for tax breaks to encourage saving for long-term care, and about half favor the government establishing a voluntary long-term care insurance program. An Obama administration attempt to create such a program ended in 2011 because it was too costly.

The older they get, the more preparations people take. Just 8 percent of 40- to 54-year-olds have done much planning for long-term care, compared with 30 percent of those 65 or older, the poll found.

Mary Pastrano, 74, of Port Orchard, Wash., has planned extensively for her future health care. She has lupus, heart problems and other conditions, and now uses a wheelchair. She also remembers her family's financial struggles after her own father died when she was a child.

"I don't want people to stand around and wring their hands and wonder, 'What would Mom think was the best?'" said Pastrano, who has discussed her insurance policies, living will and care preferences with her husband and children.

Still, Pastrano wishes she and her husband had started saving earlier, during their working years.

"You never know how soon you're going to be down," she said. "That's what older people have a problem understanding: You can be in your 60s and then next flat on your back. You think you're invincible, until you can't walk."

The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey was conducted Feb. 21 through March 27, with funding from the SCAN Foundation. The SCAN Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization that supports research and other initiatives on aging and health care. The nationally representative poll involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,019 Americans age 40 or older. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

*Aging America is a joint AP-APME project examining the aging of the baby boomers and the effect that this so-called silver tsunami is having on the communities in which they live.*

# Campus Life

## GCA students excel in Academic Bee

Five Grace Christian Academy students from 4th to 6th grades showed excellent performances in the 2013 Academic Bee Challenge for elementary students. Garnering 344 points—only a point away from the first place—GCA was the competition's second best team.

The five-member GCA team was composed of 6th graders Marcelo Masilungan Jr., and Melody Woo; 5th graders Tae Yong Kim and Hyun In Noh; and 4th grader Elijah Joshua Pajarillaga. Almost all of them are first timers in the Academic Bee except for Masilungan who joined the Academic Bee competition last year. He said, "We almost won first place, so close! We tried our best and got second place. I hope GCA team will get first place next year."

The team members, along with their coach, were awarded individual medals, gift certificates, and certificates of recognition.

GCA coach Susan Pajarillaga said the GCA team began preparing for the competition covering various subject areas like English, math, science, social studies, and current events with the help of GCA interns Lauren Privette and Maria Gerecke.

"We would like to thank the parents for their support before and during the competition, the students for working so hard for the past months, and to our Lord Jesus Christ for the wisdom and the guidance that He has given our students before and during the competition. To Him all the glory and honor belongs!" added Pajarillaga.

The GCA Academic Bee team composed of Marcelo Masilungan Jr., Joshua Pajarillaga, Tae Yong Kim, Melody Woo, and Hyun In Noh with their coach Susan Pajarillaga. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Organized by Marianas High School's National Honor Society, the Academic Bee Challenge marked the 18th year the Academic Bee Challenge was held in the CNMI. Held last Saturday, May 5, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, the competition brought together 70 contenders from 14 public and private schools in the CNMI. The competition, conceptualized locally for schools in the CNMI, aims to better promote learning among students. ***(GCA)***

## UOG finalizes exchange program with Huaqiao University

Huaqiao University and the University of Guam met in April to finalize plans for a student exchange program for the fall 2013 semester. Up to five students will have the opportunity to gain an international experience in tourism when they apply to take courses to attend at each other's institutions. This relationship is in line with the Cooperation of Agreement for student exchange between HQU and UOG, which was signed in late 2012.

"This partnership with HQU provides UOG students an excellent opportunity to gain an immersive learning experience in China," said Robert Underwood, UOG president. "HQU students will in turn experience what it's like to live and learn in a U.S. university like UOG."

Henry Tan, an alumnus of UOG and chief executive officer of Luen Thai Holdings Ltd. in Hong Kong, vice chairman of Tan Holdings Corp., and council member of HQU, facilitated the exchange program.

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From left, Tan Family office director Connie Hui, HQU associate professor Li Hong Bo, UOG chief planning officer David Okada, UOG RFK Library director Christine Scott-Smith, Guam Chinese Association vice president Ellen Wilkinson, United Chinese Association of Guam president Albert Wu, HQU dean Huang Yuanshui, Chinese School Founding chairwoman Anna Kao, UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood, HQU professor Chi Jin, CEO of Luen Thai Holdings Ltd. Henry Tan, Guam Chinese Association vice president James Qu, UOG dean of School of Business & Public Administration Dr. Anita Enriquez, -HQU International School program officer Zou Bingxin and Guam Chinese Association board chair representative Monito Co.

"Mr. Henry Tan is a prime example of how our university alumni continue to contribute back to our island and our university," said Underwood

The student exchange program between UOG and HQU will begin in the fall 2013 semester. For more information on UOG student exchange programs opportunity contact Joan Swaddell at 735-2271 or email joanswaddell@gmail.com. ***(UOG)***

## CAMPUS BULLETIN

### KagES kindergarten registration ongoing

Kagman Elementary School kindergarten registration for school year 2013-2014 is still ongoing from Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm. Your child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2013. Documents required: Copy of child birth certificate, health insurance, original school entrance health certificate, proof of legal guardianship (if any). Students will not be officially registered until all documents have been submitted. For more information call 237-3965/ 67. ***(PR)***

### GES registration information

Kindergarten registration began at the Garapan Elementary School on May 7, 2013. Child must be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2013. Date of birth must be on or before Aug. 31, 2008.

New students' registration for grades 1 to 6 will begin on July 1, 2013. Child must be 6 years old by Aug. 31, 2013. Date of birth must be before Aug. 31, 2008.

Required documents are birth certificate, school entrance health certificate from CHC or a private clinic, copy of updated health insurance, and map to residence.

For more information, call GES at 237-3341/3/5. ***(PR)***

### Immunization shots for MHS students

April 30 was Immunization Day at Marianas High School. Any student who is not up to date with their immunization shots will not be allowed back to school as of May 10, 2013. Parents can call DPH to see if their child is up to date in case students lost their notification. Immunization shots are administered at no charge at the Department of Public Health. ***(PR)***

### SVES kindergarten registration

San Vicente Elementary School's registration for kindergarten only is scheduled on May 28-31, 2013, from 9am through 11:30am in the school main office. The child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2008, with a date of birth between Sept. 1, 2007, and Aug. 31, 2008. Registration requirements: copy of birth certificate; original health certificate (public health or private clinic); medical insurance or accidental insurance; map of residential location; power of attorney/legal guardianship (if applicable); copy of report card or certificate of completion (from any preschool). For more information, contact 237-3791. ***(PR)***

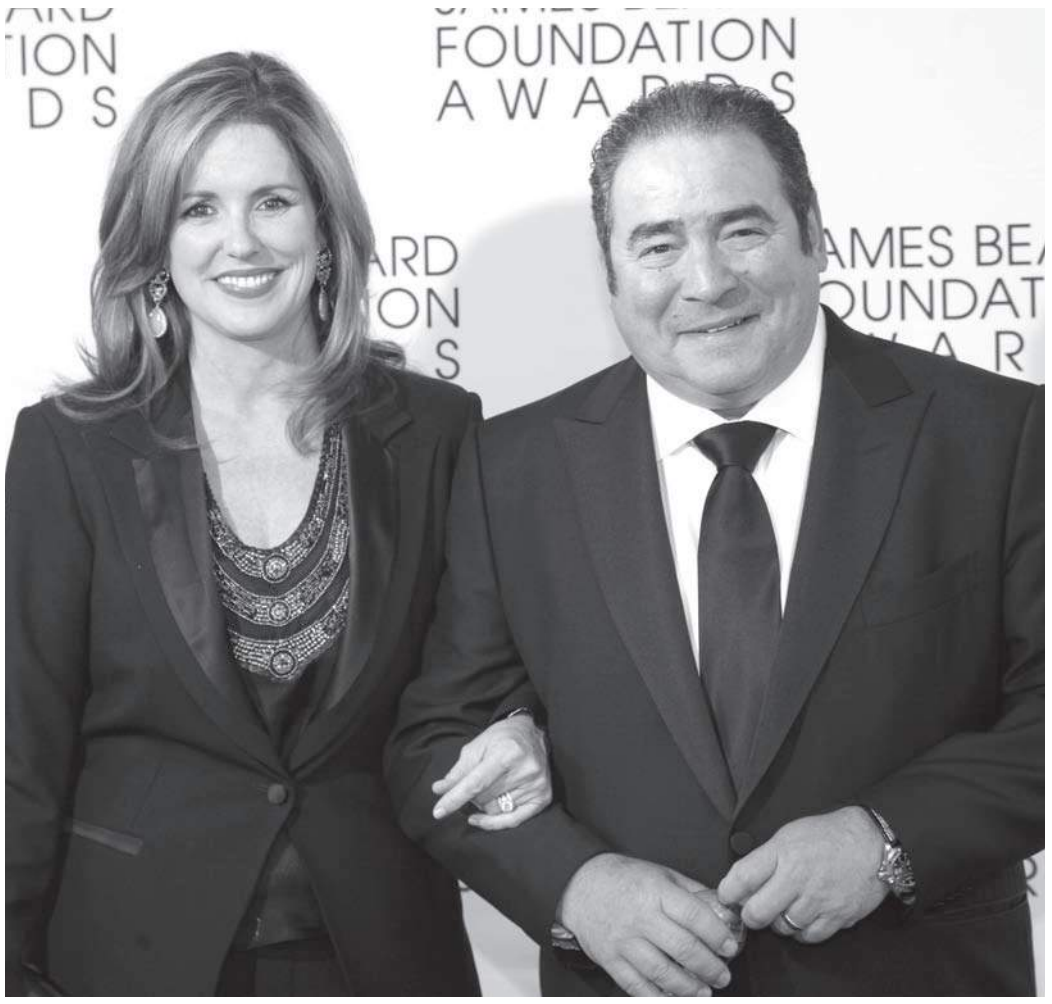
### MHS, SSHS, and KHS Class of '03 meeting

The Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School Alumni class of 2003 is inviting all classmates to a mandatory meeting on May 15, 2013, at 6:30pm at Rayna Camacho's residence on Capital Hill. On the agenda is the upcoming joint 10th year reunion of 2003 classmates in July.

For more information and/ or directions, call Caroline Camacho at 789-3730, Rayna Camacho at 483-7769, or Ricky Itibus at 483-7104. We started as one, divided into three, and now let's be reunited as a Class of 2003! ***(PR)***

# Life & Style

# David Chang, Paul Kahan tie for top chef honor




AP

Restauranteur Emeril Lagasse, right, with his wife Alden Lovelace, arrives at the James Beard Foundation Awards Gala on Monday, May 6, 2013, in New York.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Food may not have been their first calling, but coming late to the culinary scene clearly hasn't slowed David Chang and Paul Kahan.

On Monday, the two were jointly honored as the nation's most outstanding chefs by the James Beard Foundation, an exclamation point on circuitous careers that began in other fields—Chang in finance and Kahan in computer science—but saw them quickly ascend to the top of the restaurant world.

The men—only the third pair to tie for the top chef award in the foundation's history—have been lauded as restaurant revolutionaries. Chang's edgy, in-your-face style—not to mention a deft hand with steamed pork buns—has spawned a global empire of media and restaurants, including New York's Momofuku Ko and Ma Peche—some of the hottest, hard-to-get tables in the city.

"I grew up dreaming what it might be like to do this and how impossible it might be," said Chang, who said he has idolized Kahan for years. "I'm really, truly honored. A tie could not have been better because I'm glad I'm not up here by myself."

Chang owes his second career largely to an obsession with ramen noodles, which led him to Tokyo and eventually back to school for a culinary degree (his first had been in religion). By 2004, he had opened his first restaurant, Momofuku Noodle Bar, and accolades piled up. *New York Times* critic Frank Bruni even called Chang "the New York restaurant world's equivalent of Tiger Woods or Roger Federer."

Kahan is at the forefront of Chicago's increasingly robust restaurant scene. After leaving computer science, he spent years apprenticing to some of the city's top talent, including Rick Bayless. He spun that experience into an award-winning restaurant group that includes Blackbird, Avec and The Publican, all of which reflect his own culinary obsession—sustainably sourced ingredients and close relationships with producers.

"You can't beat Chang, but a tie is OK," Kahan said.

The James Beard awards honor those who follow in the footsteps of Beard, considered the dean of American cooking when he died in 1985. Monday's ceremony honored chefs and restaurants; a similar event on Friday was held for book and other media awards. Previous ties for the outstanding chef award went to Larry Forgione and Jean-Louis Palladin in 1993, and Wolfgang Puck and Jean-Georges Vongerichten in 1998.

Chang has won three previous Beard awards, including for best new restaurant for Momofuku Ko in 2009 and rising star chef in 2007. Kahan was named a regional best chef in 2004. Both men lost out for the same honor last year to Daniel Humm, the chef behind New York's Eleven Madison Park.

The foundation's top restaurant award this year went to Dan Barber's Blue Hill in New York City. Barber—who was the foundation's top chef in 2009—follows a minimalist culinary philosophy that he calls "American seasonal." He believes exceptional ingredients should be allowed to stand on their own. A signature dish is "vegetables on a fence," baby vegetables simply prepared and presented speared on a row of upright prongs.

# 'YouTube pay channels out soon'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—YouTube is set to announce within a few weeks a series of channels that will require payment, a person familiar with the matter said Monday.

The content on the new pay channels will be in addition to the millions of videos viewers watch for free on YouTube. It's not clear whether the paid videos will come with advertising.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Financial Times reported earlier that viewers would be charged as little as $1.99 a month for subscriptions.

In a statement, YouTube said it is looking into creating a "subscription platform" that provides its partners with a way to generate revenue beyond video rentals and placing ads in and around content. It said, however, that it had "nothing to announce at this time."

Executives hinted at the coming pay channels at a preview event in March ahead of a meeting in New York with advertisers.

Such a model could help video producers make money from niche audiences. That's different from how YouTube works now, where the most popular videos, like PSY's "Gangnam Style" music video, make the most money from advertising.

One example given by executives was of video lessons by a computer science teacher.

"For people who create great value but for only a narrow interest group, I think that the potential for pay channels unlocks opportunities for creating revenue streams," said Lucas Watson, YouTube's vice president of sales and marketing, at the time.

Introducing pay channels would also accustom fans of YouTube to paying for content, something the site is not known for, although it has sold and rented movies and TV shows from major studios since late 2008.

"It's a whole new skill set to develop: to convince people to actually take out their credit card, even for one cent," said Robert Kyncl, YouTube's vice president and global head of content partnerships, told reporters at the March event.

Google Inc. bought YouTube for $1.76 billion in 2006 when the video site had an estimated 50 million users worldwide. Today, the site boasts more than 1 billion visitors a month.

*In Celebration of Her New Life*

Margarita Rosario Repeki Agulto

March 30, 1949 – May 02, 2013

***In Her New Life She Now Joins Her:***
**Mother:** Maria Rosario Phillip
**Father:** Daniel Norita Repeki
**Mother in-law:** Carmen Pangelinan Agulto
**Father in-law:** Jose Cepeda Agulto
**Daughter:** Jacqueline Marie Repeki Agulto
**Brother/Sisters:** Antonio Repeki, Antonia Repeki Khan, Ana P. Aldan
**Brother in-law:** Jesus R. Tenorio, Ignacio Aldan

***Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:***
**Husband:** Vicente Pangelinan Agulto "Ben Sang"
**Children & Family:** **†Jacqueline** (Antonio, Margarita [A.J.], Akio); **Dennis Aldan** & Lucrina Santos (Diana, Catherine, Devin, Denise, Denelle, Dione, Vicente, Antonio); **Jemmie** & Jermaine Salas (Alex, Ryan, Jermaine Jr., Miley); **Lucille Tenorio** (Josephine, Destynee); **Leticia Aldan** & Vincent Atalig (Triana, Vinicia, Lenea); **Vanesia Agulto** & Wayne Leoncio; **Josephine Agulto** & Thomas Muna; **Vincent Joe Agulto**
**Brothers, Sisters and Spouses:** Felisita & †Ignacio Aldan and family, Lino & Josephine Repeki and family, Magdalena & Poncho Suel and family, Jose & Julie Repeki and family, Vicente & Gloria Repeki and family, Gregorio & Fatima Repeki and family, Juliana Rosario Repeki and family, Robert & Matilda Repeki and family, Rose Phillip & Jose Atalig and family
**Brothers and Sisters in laws:** Josephine & †Jesus Tenorio and family, †Ana Pangelinan Aldan and family, Antonia & Vicente Aldan and family, Margarita & Jose Borja and family, Ramon & Dalia Agulto and family, Virginia & Joseph Dela Cruz and family, Luis & Lolita Agulto and family
**Uncle:** Joaquin Teregeyo Repeki and family
**Aunt:** Agueda P. Sablan and family

This is to inform the relatives and friends of Margarita Repeki Agulto, wife of Vicente Pangelinan Agulto a.k.a. "Ben Sang" and daughter of Daniel Norita Repeki & Maria Rosario Phillip, that Margarita Repeki Agulto passed away on the morning of May 02, 2013 at the Commonwealth Health Corporation.

Mass is being offered at 6:00PM at Santa Remedio Church in Tanapag followed by the holy rosary.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, May 10, 2013. Her remains will depart CHC at 7:00AM and escorted to Santa Remedio Church. Responso service will be at 7:30AM followed by the Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by interment service at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase - Thank you

***The Family***

# Helen Mirren gives noisy drummers a royal rebuke

**LONDON** (AP)—Silence for the queen, please.

A troupe of street drummers got a shock when Helen Mirren, dressed as Queen Elizabeth II, emerged from a London theater to berate them for disrupting her show.

Mirren is starring in "The Audience," a drama about the weekly meetings between the queen and Britain's prime ministers over her 60-year reign.

Outside noise became too much for the actress to bear during Saturday's performance. Mirren acknowledged to the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper that she used less-than-royal language in her rant.

"I'm afraid there were a few 'thespian' words used," Mirren was quoted as saying. "They got a very stern royal ticking off but I have to say they were very sweet and they stopped immediately.

"I felt rotten, but on the other hand they were destroying our performance so something had to be done."

The drummers were marching through London's West End to promote As One in the Park, a gay music festival being held later this month.

AP

British actress Dame Helen Mirren arrives for a TV interview in Culver City, Calif., USA, in this file photo dated Thursday, June 9, 2011.

"Not much shocks you on the gay scene," parade organizer Mark McKenzie told the Telegraph. "But seeing Helen Mirren dressed as the queen cussing and swearing and making you stop your parade—that's a new one."

Chris Dangerfield, a comedian, was filming the drummers from his nearby balcony when a cardigan-wearing figure burst through the stage door, gesticulating wildly.

Dangerfield said he couldn't hear what Mirren was saying over the drumming, but "I could tell it was hostile."

"I talked to a few of the drummers this morning," he said Monday. "The conductor, who really got it in the ear, said he was terrified."

Festival spokesman Mark Williams said organizers "are terribly upset if we caused her any distress. If she'd like to let her hair down and attend the festival she'd be more than welcome."

## Lauryn Hill gets 3 months for failing to pay taxes

**NEWARK, New Jersey** (AP)—Grammy-winning singer Lauryn Hill stood in federal court Monday and compared her experience in the music business to the slavery her ancestors endured before a judge sentenced her to three months in prison for failing to pay about $1 million in taxes over the past decade.

"I am a child of former slaves who had a system imposed on them," Hill said before U.S. Magistrate Madeline Cox Arleo. "I had an economic system imposed on me."

Hill

Hill, who started singing with the Fugees as a teenager in the 1990s before releasing her multiplatinum 1998 album "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," pleaded guilty last year to failing to pay taxes on more than $1.8 million earned from 2005 to 2007. Monday's sentencing also took into account unpaid state and federal taxes in 2008 and 2009 that brought the total earnings to about $2.3 million.

Despite having paid more than $900,000 in the past several days, Hill still owes interest and penalties, the U.S. attorney's office said.

In a forceful but controlled statement to the judge punctuated by occasional raps with her first on the podium, Hill described how she failed to pay taxes during a period when she'd dropped out of the music business to protect herself and her children, who now number six.

She said the treatment she received while she was in the entertainment business led to her decision to leave it.

"There were veiled threats, there was blacklisting," she said, without giving specifics. "I was told, 'That's how it goes, it comes with the territory.' I came to be perceived as a cash cow and not a person. When people capitalize on a persona, they forget there is a person in there."

In addition to serving three months in prison, Hill must pay a $60,000 fine. After she is released from prison, she will be under parole supervision for a year, the first three months of which will be spent under home confinement.

The 37-year-old singer resident had faced a maximum sentence of one year each on three counts of failing to file taxes. Her attorney had sought probation, arguing that Hill's charitable works, her family circumstances and the fact she paid back the taxes she owed should merit consideration.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra Moser acknowledged Hill's creative talent and work on behalf of impoverished children but called Hill's explanation for her actions "a parade of excuses centering around her feeling put upon" that don't exempt her from her responsibilities.

"She wasn't interested in all those years in paying what she owed," Moser told the judge.

At the time of her arrest last year, Hill wrote a criticism rejecting pop culture's "climate of hostility, false entitlement, manipulation, racial prejudice, sexism and ageism."

# Shania Twain announces fall show dates in Vegas

**LAS VEGAS** (AP)—After nearly a decade-long hiatus marred by burnout, a painful divorce and physical problems that affected her ability to sing, country superstar Shania Twain said she's finding her groove as a Las Vegas headliner.

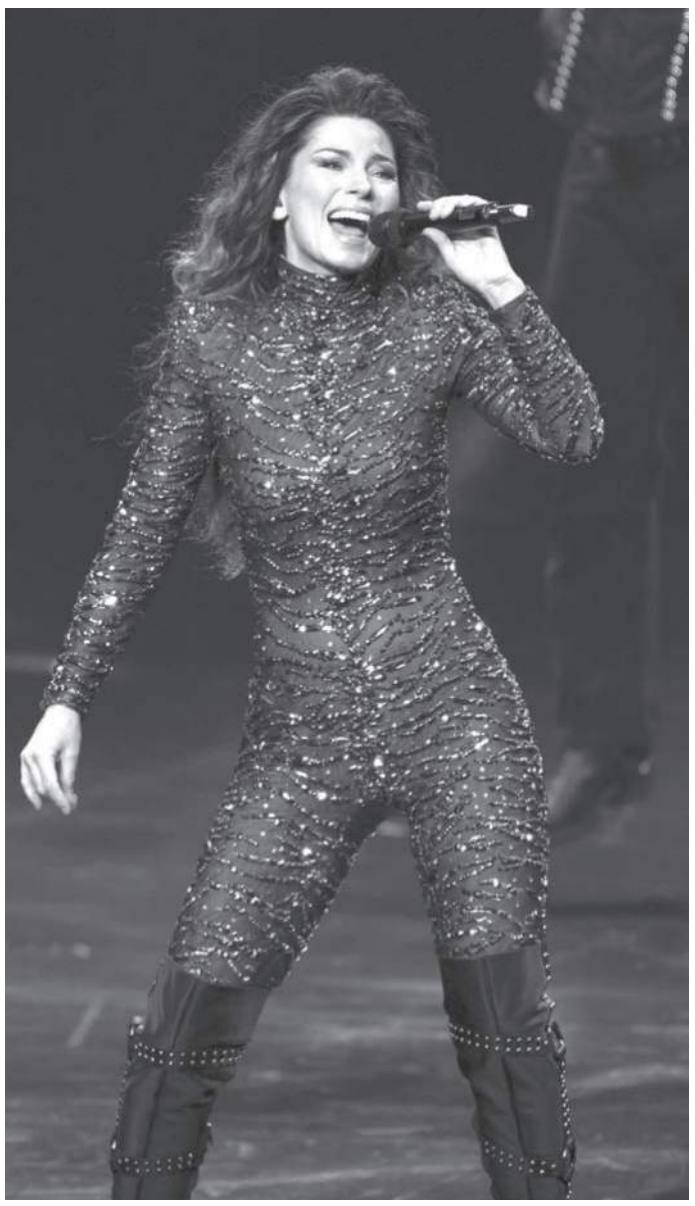
On Monday, Twain announced 22 new show dates this fall for "Shania: Still the One," a spectacle at a 4,300-seat Caesars Palace concert hall that includes two trained horses, a live band, and the 47-year-old Canadian beauty clad in sparkling bodysuits and thigh-high boots. She's also staging a run of 12 shows starting May 14.

"I couldn't be any happier," Twain told The Associated Press in a phone call from the Bahamas, where she lives between shows. "It turned out so beautifully and I'm so proud of it."

Twain made her debut in December at the Colosseum, home to fellow Canadian songstress Celine Dion, shortly after parading down the Las Vegas Strip on horseback. But perhaps more significant than her regal grand entrance amid a herd of 40 horses was that the five-time Grammy winner returned to performing at all.

Since releasing the 1997 album "Come on Over," which became the best-selling country album of all time, her life hit a feverish pace of road shows and promotions that continued even after the birth of her son in 2001.

After her "Up!" tour wrapped in 2004, it was unclear whether the new mom would ever be back.



AP

This Dec. 1, 2012 file photo shows Shania Twain performing at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

"I had moments when I thought I never would, and I would've been OK with that," she said. "I love music and I'd never want to give up music, but did I ever want to put a production together and be on stage again?"

The singer known for "Any Man of Mine" and "That Don't Impress Me" struggled with muscular tension that made singing more difficult. And in 2008, she was thrust into an unwelcome spotlight by an alleged affair between her then-husband and producer, Robert "Mutt" Lange, and one of her best friends.

Since then, she married that friend's ex-husband, Frederic Thiebaud. They've found some sense of normalcy; Thiebaud coaches Twain's son in soccer, and she said the 11-year-old is a happy child.

"You're never comfortable with what happened," she said of the failed marriage. But "you get to a stage where everything's just different now, you're now in a new groove, you're going in a new direction."

Though she said she was initially nervous about how the comeback residency would be received, it's sold out for each of its first 24 performances.

Free from the rigors of tour travel, the residency is "a dream performance scenario" that allows her to balance her roles as a mother and as a country superstar.

"Vegas is just a really good setup," she said. "It completely leaves me room to be the parent I want to be."

She said she's written enough songs to fill an album, but isn't ready to return to the studio just yet. Conceiving the elaborate show, with its backup dancers, pumped-in fragrances, and flying motorcycle, has taken up her creative juices for now.

"I'm doing one project at a time. I'll let the Vegas show settle in," Twain said. "I'm not in the spirit of juggling too many balls in the air at one time."

Tickets for shows between mid-October and mid-December go on sale Friday.

## MAMMA MIA!:
## ABBA The Museum opens in Stockholm

**STOCKHOLM** (AP)—You can thank ABBA for the music. And so much more.

A museum devoted to the pop superstars opening in Stockholm on Tuesday will celebrate the band's long list of hits. But it will also show off paraphernalia, including the helicopter featured on the cover of its "Arrival" album, a star-shaped guitar and dozens of glitzy costumes the Swedish band wore at the height of its 1970s fame.

Some gear is definitely not on show. With a smirk on his face, band member Bjorn Ulvaeus says certain items are "mysteriously...forever lost," conceding only that among them are "embarrassing" tight costumes he wore when he was "slightly overweight." He declined to say more on the matter.

Some 40 sets of the trademark shiny flares, platform boots and knitted hats are on display in the museum. But visitors can also see digital images of what they would look like in costumes, record music videos and sing such hits as "Dancing Queen" and "Mamma Mia" on a stage next to hologram images of the band members. A telephone also has been placed in a corner and ABBA members have promised to "Ring, Ring" and speak to visitors occasionally.

But the museum also shows a less glamorous, more everyday side of the history of a band that has sold 400 million records and consistently topped the charts in the decade after winning the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest with "Waterloo." The band—made up of Ulvaeus, Anni-Frid Lyngstad, Benny Andersson and Agnetha Faltskog—started out as two married couples, and continued performing after their divorces, before eventually drifting apart in the early 1980s.

The collection includes models of the band's kitchen, a cottage where they used to compose their songs and the small, rustic park venues Bjorn and Benny played when they first met in the 1960s. Visitors can listen to the band members' recollections and one section is dedicated to the breakup and the story of the divorces.

"It (touches) on those things as well because we think they are important in telling the story," Ulveaus said.

The museum also includes a Swedish Music Hall of Fame, detailing other Swedish artists.

It was a long time coming, eagerly anticipated by fans and visitors to the Swedish capital. Ulvaeus said they needed the time to reflect on their careers. "You need some distance, you need perspective to be able to tell a story like that and I guess you can say that we have perspective now, 30 years on," he told reporters.

Outside the newly built wooden museum scores of international ABBA fans gathered Monday, singing the band's songs and hoping to get a glimpse of their idols arriving for a gala dinner. All were expected except Faltskog, who is currently promoting her comeback album "A" in Britain.

Nikita Stolyarov, a 21-year-old student from Russia said he got a glimpse of Lyngstad on Sunday when she came by for an early view of the museum.

# Aerosmith in Manila for Southeast Asia show

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Members of the American rock band Aerosmith have arrived in Manila for their first ever concert in Southeast Asia.

Lead vocalist Steven Tyler told journalists jostling for pictures Monday that "I can't wait to play, I can't believe you guys."

Aerosmith is performing in Manila on Wednesday, with tickets costing up to 20,000 pesos ($480).

The band's show in Indonesia was canceled, with promoter Ismaya Live citing safety concerns. It was not clear if the decision was connected to an alleged bomb plot targeting Myanmar's embassy in Jakarta.

Aerosmith began its Asia-Pacific tour in April in New Zealand and Australia.

AP

Steven Tyler of the famed Aerosmith rock band is mobbed by reporters as he makes his way to his waiting van upon arrival from Melbourne Sunday May 5, 2013 in Manila, Philippines.

# Jason Collins denies he is seeking book deal

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jason Collins, the National Basketball Association veteran who last week announced he was gay, is disputing reports from publishing insiders who say he is shopping a book deal.

Officials at three publishing houses told The Associated Press on Monday that they had been contacted about a planned memoir by Collins, the first active player in any of four major U.S. professional sports leagues to come out as gay. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the proceedings.

Collins tweeted that it wasn't so: "I have no current plans to write any books. Sorry to disappoint my literary loving fans," he said, adding a hashtag "GoingToTheGym."

Collins' agent, Arn Tellem, also disputed the claim in a statement released Monday night.

"As you can imagine, we've been inundated with all kinds of requests and various opportunities, but as of now have not had any discussions on behalf of Jason regarding a potential book deal because Jason has yet to decide if he wants to write a book," Tellem said.

"Right now my focus is preparing for Jason's upcoming free agency and securing the best opportunity for him to continue his career," Tellem added.

The publishing officials said Collins was working on the book with Sports Illustrated's Franz Lidz, to whom he broke the news that he was gay, and was being represented by Kristine Dahl of International Creative Management. Dahl did not immediately respond to phone and email messages left by the AP.

At least one publisher turned down the book, said one official, who noted the extensive media coverage of Collins and expressed concern that his story already has been told.

Earlier Monday, the Democratic National Committee announced Collins would headline its annual lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender gala, on May 29. President Barack Obama, a Democrat, has phoned the 34-year-old athlete to praise him for his courage.

Collins, who has played for six teams during 12 seasons, was most recently a center for the Washington Wizards. He becomes a free agent on July 1.

# Bieber bumped in onstage scuffle in Dubai

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** (AP)—Megastar singer Justin Bieber is known for his slick dance moves onstage. But spinning away from a mash-up between security guards and a rogue fan has become the hit of his concert in Dubai.

Mobile phone video popped up across the Web on Monday showing a male fan rushing toward the 19-year-old performer, who was sitting at a piano on the edge of the stage.

Security guards tackled the young man from behind, spilling into Bieber and tipping over the piano.

Bieber twisted away and then strolled offstage while the guards dragged away the fan.

The concert Sunday—the second of a two-performance stand in Dubai—resumed after a short break and Bieber appeared calm and unharmed.

He later tweeted: "Dubai. Nothing stops the show."

AP

In this Sept. 30, 2012 file photo, Justin Bieber performs at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Prizes awarded for translated fiction, poetry

**NEW YORK** (AP)—An experimental Hungarian novel and a collection of Romanian poetry have won prizes for best English language translations. Laszlo Krasznahorkai's "Satantango," translated into English by Georges Szirtes (ZUR'-tes), won the Best Translated Book Award for fiction. The poetry winner was Nichita Stanescu's "Wheel With a Single Spoke," translated by Sean Cotter. Thanks to a grant from Amazon.com, winning authors and translators each receive $5,000. The awards were announced Monday by Three Percent, a resource for international literature that is based at the University of Rochester. The project is named for a widely reported statistic that only 3 percent of books published in the U.S. are works in translation.

### Church, Bryan, Lambert lead CMT Awards nominations

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Eric Church, Luke Bryan and Miranda Lambert are the lead nominees for this year's CMT Music Awards. The trio of country music's newest stars are nominated for the top honor, video of the year, along with nine others. The show airs live June 5 on CMT from Nashville, Tennessee. Jason Aldean and Kristen Bell host. Aldean, Kenny Chesney, Rascal Flatts and first-time nominees Florida Georgia Line have three nominations each. Nine others have two nominations apiece, including Taylor Swift and Carrie Underwood. A news release says fan voting is open at the network's website until June 2. Six finalists for video of the year will be announced at the top of the show, and fans will choose a winner during the broadcast.

# Bill Clinton tried to broker Led Zeppelin reunion

**NEW YORK** (AP)—It's a diplomatic failure at the highest level: Bill Clinton couldn't get Led Zeppelin to reunite.

The CBS "60 Minutes Overtime" webcast reported Monday that the former president was enlisted to ask the British rock gods to get back together last year for the Superstorm Sandy benefit concert in New York City. He asked, they said no.

David Saltzman of the Robin Hood Foundation says he and film executive Harvey Weinstein flew to Washington to ask Clinton to make the plea. Led Zeppelin's surviving members Robert Plant, John Paul Jones and Jimmy Page were in Washington just before the Sandy concert for the Kennedy Center Honors.

Led Zeppelin last played publicly at a one-night reunion in London in 2007.

# Couple finds recipe for a lasting and loving marriage

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband came up to me after dinner, wrapped his arms around me and asked, "Honey, is there anything we need to discuss?" In his hand he held an envelope on which I had written your name and address. When I told him it was a request for a copy of your cookbooklet—not a request for marriage counseling—he was relieved. We have been "cooking up" a wonderful life together for 10 years.

Somehow I managed to misplace your cookbooklet. I have read that there is now a set of two of them. Would you please give me the ordering instructions? Thanks, Abby!

JEAN IN RICHLAND, WASH.

**DEAR JEAN: I get a lot of letters like yours and I'm glad to oblige. Once you start looking at "Cookbooklet II" you will see that a sweet tooth runs in my family. Many readers have told me the dessert recipes in my cookbooklets are great for entertaining, and actually save calories because they are divided among a greater number of people. The raw apple cake with caramel glaze serves 16! My booklets are sold as a set and can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for $14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby—Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Remember, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," and this recipe requires five or six of them. (Think of the fiber!)**

**My cookbooklet set contains more than 100 tasty recipes for soups, salads, appetizers, main courses and desserts that can be used when friends and families get together to celebrate holidays and special occasions.**

**I have been told by some readers that they have been used as the basis for Dear Abby-themed dinner parties. (The place cards were decorated with hearts and flowers, and the centerpiece was a "bouquet" of envelopes addressed to me.)**

**P.S. Your husband sounds like a sweetheart. My mother once said the secret to a lasting marriage is a husband who lasts, so feed him well and he will.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** I work in a skilled-care facility. I am also preparing for law school. Today one of my co-workers humiliated me in the presence of others by asking if I have been gaining weight. I giggled and said, "Probably."

She proceeded to say that I have gained "a lot" of weight in my "fat face" and told me to get on the scale so she could see how much. I told her it's none of her business.

She has done this to me and other co-workers before. Our supervisor likes her and doesn't reprimand her. How should I handle this?

GETTING IMPATIENT IN ILLINOIS

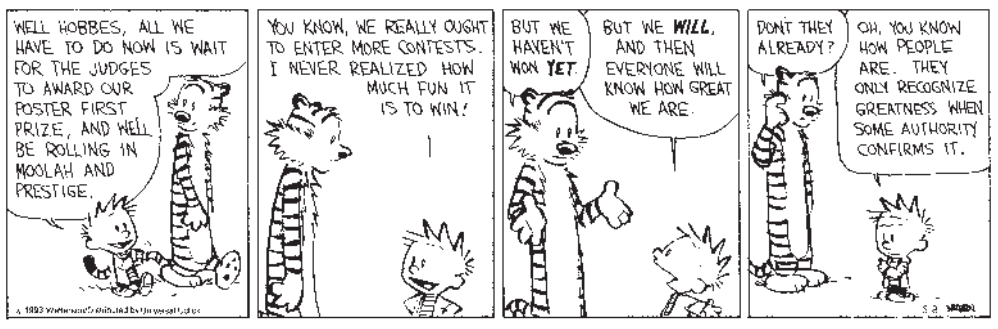
**DEAR GETTING IMPATIENT: Handle it by ignoring this unpleasant person and avoiding her whenever possible. So should any other co-worker she has offended. Any time she attempts to embarrass any of you, it should be reported to your supervisor's supervisor—individually or en masse—because the failure to act on your concerns is allowing a hostile work environment to exist.**

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

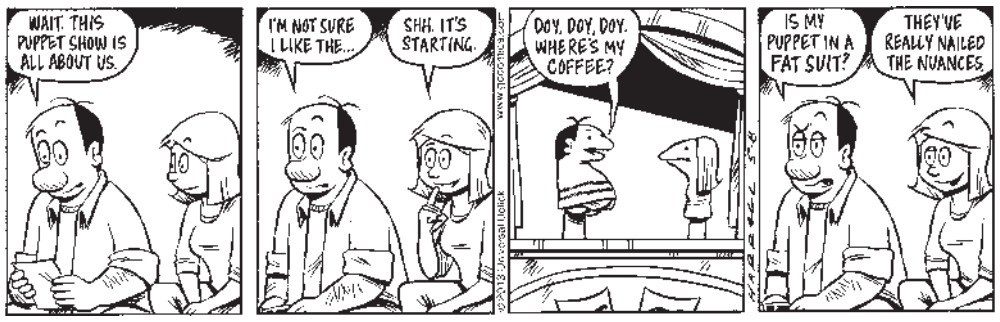

WELL HOBBES, ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS WAIT FOR THE JUDGES TO AWARD OUR POSTER FIRST PRIZE, AND WE'LL BE ROLLING IN MOOLAH AND PRESTIGE.
YOU KNOW, WE REALLY OUGHT TO ENTER MORE CONTESTS. I NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH FUN IT IS TO WIN!
BUT WE HAVEN'T WON YET.
BUT WE WILL, AND THEN EVERYONE WILL KNOW HOW GREAT WE ARE.
DON'T THEY ALREADY?
OH, YOU KNOW HOW PEOPLE ARE. THEY ONLY RECOGNIZE GREATNESS WHEN SOME AUTHORITY CONFIRMS IT.

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


WAIT. THIS PUPPET SHOW IS ALL ABOUT US.
I'M NOT SURE I LIKE THE...
SHH. IT'S STARTING.
DOY, DOY, DOY. WHERE'S MY COFFEE?
IS MY PUPPET IN A FAT SUIT?
THEY'VE REALLY NAILED THE NUANCES.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 Satchel
4 Nowhere to be seen
8 Visored military cap
12 — out a living
13 State
14 Object of worship
15 Have a bug
16 Dilute
18 Up to
20 Finish
21 Second letter
24 Sponsorship
28 Negative aspect
32 Took the bus
33 Fire residue
34 Oodles
36 Wager
37 Amorphous lump
39 Onion rings, e.g.
41 Takes to the skies
43 Carry on
44 "That feels so good!"
46 Black board?
50 Exemplar of dullness
55 Cattle call
56 Leading man
57 Volcanic flow
58 Request
59 Floor cleaners
60 Gasoline, e.g.
61 Born

**DOWN**
1 Suitor
2 Related
3 Moolah
4 Anarchic
5 Eggs
6 Prepared
7 Genealogy chart
8 Actress Margot
9 "Green" prefix
10 "Bam!"
11 Hostel
17 Genetic stuff
19 — Saud
22 Twitches
23 Fire-fighting legend Red
25 Asian desert
26 Mid-month date
27 Green or Rogen
28 Slight touches
29 Norway's capital
30 "Halt!"
31 Icelandic poetry
35 More than just a few
38 Lullaby composer
40 Society newbie
42 Tool with teeth
45 50 percent
47 Muscat's land
48 Small winning margin
49 Oxen's harness
50 Water barrier
51 Berlin's "What'll —?"
52 Potential syrup
53 Greek cross
54 56-Across' partner

Solution time: 21 mins.

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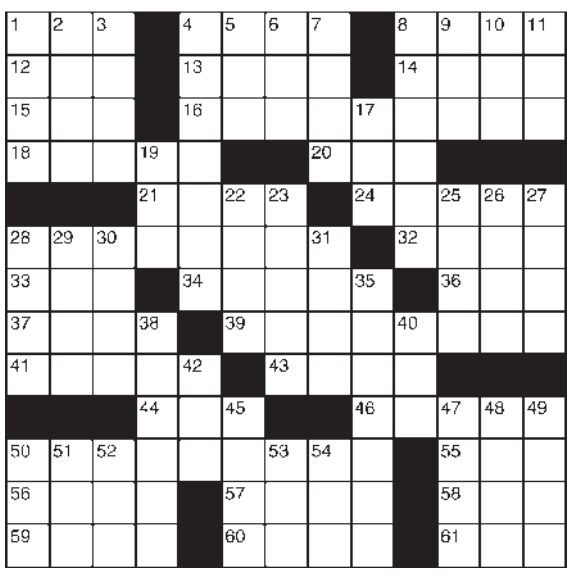
Yesterday's answer 5-8



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Enrique Iglesias, 38; Melissa Gilbert, 49; David Keith, 59; Don Rickles, 87

**Happy Birthday**: Look at every angle of every situation. Strategize until you are sure and keep your emotions in check. Let your creative imagination lead to solutions and don't be afraid to pull in favors or delegate jobs that you don't have time for. Being successful will be dependent on your ability to be a leader. Your numbers are 7, 13, 25, 28, 31, 34, 40.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Relax, gather information and plan to make changes, but don't act in haste. Bide your time and observe how others react toward you before you make an assumption or do something that's irreversible. Respond responsibly. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Focus on projects or hobbies that you enjoy. A short trip will bring about new ideas and possibilities. Love is highlighted, so be sure to let someone you love know exactly how you feel. Greater stability should be your target. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Keep your secrets to yourself. The less information you share, the better. Take care of your legal, financial or medical issues and tie up any loose ends you might have with corporations, institutions or people in charge. A positive change awaits you. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Take on responsibilities and you will gain greater insight into the way others think and do things. What you may discover through helping others is how lucky you are and skillful when it comes to lending a helping hand. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll fall into a trap if you are too boisterous or generous with your time or money. Opposition and trouble can be expected if you are too open regarding your plans. A change of scenery will do you good. ✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Enjoy the company of others. Take a day trip and visit people who inspire you or share your interests. A geographical change will open up food for thought regarding your future prospects. Information about your family background will be beneficial. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Update personal papers. A real estate deal or property investment has great potential. Being diverse and offering your skills or services in unusual ways will open up new opportunities. A change will help you initiate plans for the future. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Nurture important relationships. Understanding the pluses you bring to any relationship as well as what's offered in return will help you build a solid, long-lasting union. Love is on the rise and a romantic evening should be planned. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Uncertainty regarding an opportunity must not get you down. Instead, look at your options and prepare to make a move regardless of how your current situation unfolds. A change at home will benefit you emotionally and financially. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Put your home and domestic situation at the top of your list. Fix whatever needs fixing. Do whatever it takes to make your place more comfortable and user-friendly. Planning or launching a garage sale will pay off. ✪✪✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Do whatever it takes to make you happy. A change at home or reverting back to someone or something you enjoying being with or passing time doing should be your goal. Back away from anyone you think might have ulterior motives. ✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Daydream, plan and follow through with actions. Let your imagination lead the way and you'll discover something you enjoy doing that can also bring in extra cash. Your intuition will not let you down. Love is in the stars. You must follow your heart. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You see, you do, you win. You are perceptive, shrewd and honest.

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# SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/08

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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Difficulty Level ★★ 5/07

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**BLACKBERRY Z10** **Solution: 3 letters**

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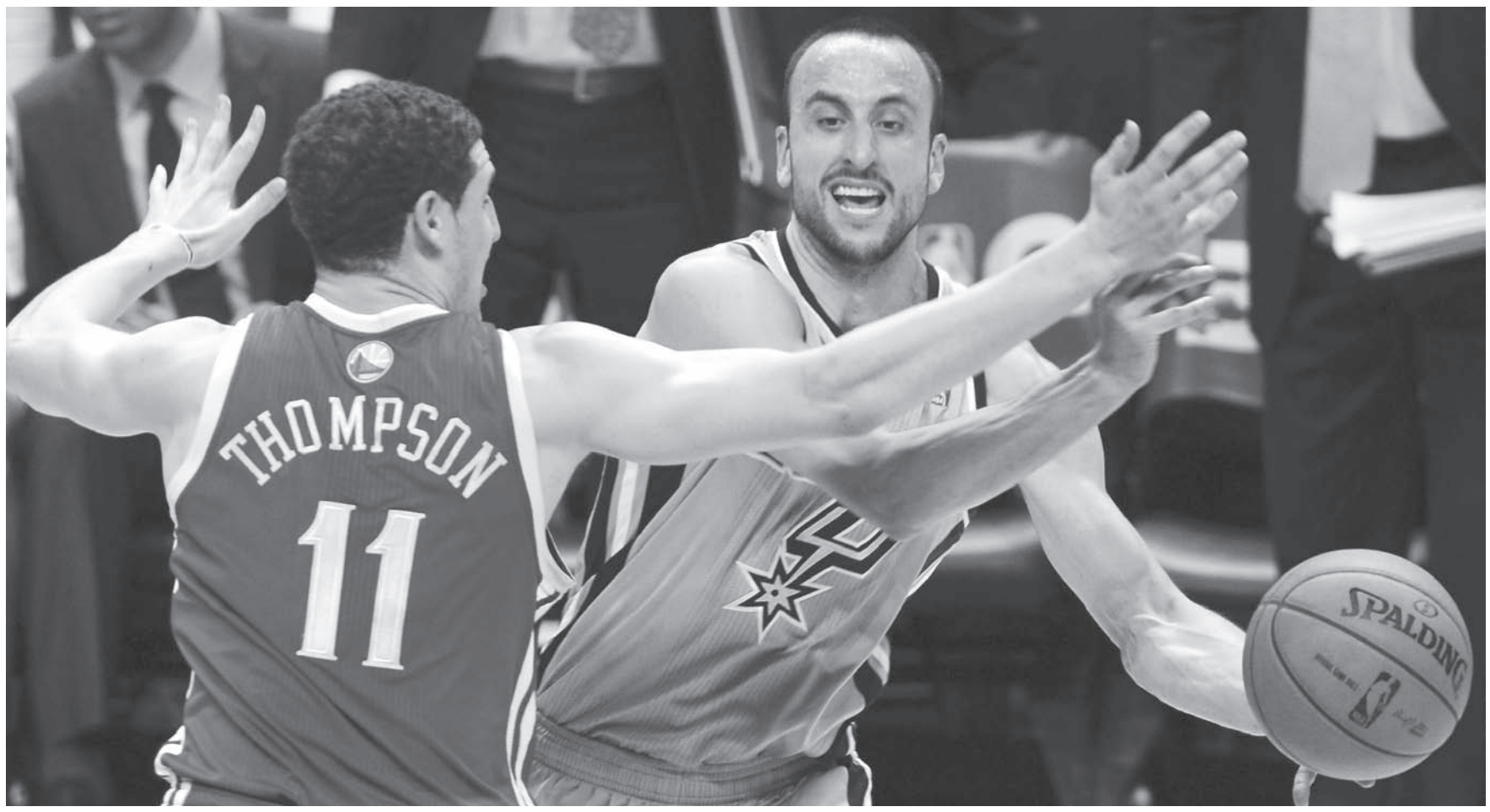
# Ginobili's 3 in 2nd OT lifts Spurs over Warriors

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San Antonio Spurs shooting guard Manu Ginobili of Argentina, passes around Golden State Warriors shooting guard Klay Thompson during the first half of Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, May 6, 2013, in San Antonio.

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—All it took was one shot from Manu Ginobili to undo Stephen Curry's monstrous performance.

Ginobili hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 1.2 seconds left in the second overtime Monday night to lift the San Antonio Spurs to a 129-127 win over the Golden State Warriors and Curry, who put up 44 points in the opener of the Western Conference semifinals.

Ginobili's shot and an intense defensive effort in the fourth quarter turned what appeared to be a sure loss by the Spurs into the Warriors' 30th straight defeat in San Antonio dating to Feb. 14, 1997.

"I think we got too predictable," said Curry, who was 18 for 35 from the field, 6 for 14 from 3-point range and also had 11 assists.

"Coach (Mark Jackson) was calling the pick-and-rolls that were working all game, but we just didn't have much movement on the backside. If they know what you're running, they can funnel you where they want you. It's tough to make plays. Obviously, when we made shots it seems like it was working."

Golden State led 92-80 after three quarters but shot just 25 percent (5 for 20) in the fourth.

Ginobili's winner came 43.7 seconds after he'd launched an ill-advised 3-pointer that appeared to cost the Spurs the game.

"I went from wanting to trade him on the spot to wanting to cook breakfast for him tomorrow morning," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "That's the truth. When I talk to him and say, `Manu,' he goes, `This is what I do.' That's what he's going to tell me. I stopped coaching him a long time ago."

Ginobili's 3-pointer capped an improbable comeback for the Spurs, who trailed by 16 with 4 minutes left in regulation before going on an 18-2 run to close the fourth quarter and force overtime.

Golden State trailed by five with 1 minute to go in the second extra period before the Warriors scored six straight points and took a 127-126 lead with 3.9 seconds remaining on Kent Bazemore's reverse layup—a bucket set up in part by Ginobili's errant long range attempt with 44.9 seconds left.

"I took a really bad shot," Ginobili said. "I was on the top of the key. I had no chance whatsoever to make it to the basket. I couldn't penetrate; I was very tired. (Jarrett) Jack gave me a couple of feet and I thought I could make it."

On the second attempt, Ginobili launched a high-arcing shot off a cross-court inbound pass from Kawhi Leonard.

"On the last play, it wasn't for me; they just left me open," Ginobili said. "I set a screen for (Tony Parker) and they both went with him and left me open on the weak side. When I caught it I just saw Brazemore flying. I just gave it a lot of air and it went in.

"I wasn't even an option. They told me just go screen and stay far from the play. The play was for Tony or Boris. And they got confused."

Golden State had one final chance but Jack's 3-pointer from the top of the key was off.

"We had a heartbreaker in Game 1 of the last series (against Denver)," Curry said. "A last-second layup by Andre Miller. So we've been here before. But we know how to come back. We've been a resilient team all year. To have an opportunity to go 1-1, we still have a chance to do that."

Parker scored 28 points to lead San Antonio, while Danny Green added 22, Leonard 18 and Ginobili 16.

Tim Duncan finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds in 35 minutes. Duncan, who is battling a stomach bug, left the game with 3 minutes left in regulation and only played the final seconds of each overtime.

"He's had the flu," Popovich said. "He's been sick and he gave it a shot. It became pretty apparent there that he wasn't going to tell me the truth anymore, so I had to pull the plug myself."

Klay Thompson and Harrison Barnes each had 19 points for Golden State. Jack added 15 and Andrew Bogut had 10 points and 15 rebounds.

The Warriors missed eight of their final nine shots in regulation, including a desperation heave by Curry at the buzzer against several defenders.

"You should (win)," Jackson said. "We're not the first team to lose a game like this and we will not be the last. That doesn't mean we're going to accept it. We're going to get better. Even down the stretch in the process of losing the lead, we did some things that were good. At the end of the day, they made plays and we didn't make enough."

The Spurs slowed Curry early in the fourth quarter, putting the 6-foot-7 Leonard on him. Curry scored only six points in the quarter, helping fuel San Antonio's rally behind Parker and Leonard. Curry had 22 points in the third, including 14 straight late in the period. Curry's run gave Golden State a 90-72 lead with 37.5 seconds left in the quarter.

"We just wanted to keep playing and keep competing," Popovich said. "Try to make stops and try to make some adjustments both personnel wise and defensively to try and get more stops and then stay in attack mode on offense. It worked out. It was anybody's game for sure."

## Bulls 93, Heat 86

In Miam, only one team has held the Miami Heat below 90 points on their home floor this season. That would be the Chicago Bulls, and for good measure, they've now done it twice.

So by now, it's obvious: If there's a team in the NBA that has Miami's number, it has to be the Bulls.

Nate Robinson scored 27 points and dominated in the final minutes—after needing 10 stitches to sew up his lip—while Jimmy Butler added 21 points and a career high-tying 14 rebounds as the Bulls pulled off a stunner by beating Miami 93-86 Monday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Actually, maybe it's not that much of a stunner anymore. Since LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh all ignored overtures from the Bulls and decided to team up in Miami three years ago, Chicago has a 9-8 record against the Heat.

"I've played on some tough teams," Robinson said. "But this one, there's something a little different, something special about this group."

It's only one game, something plenty of Bulls players and coach Tom Thibodeau pointed out incessantly afterward. But even a 1-0 lead in a series typically leads to advancement, so for the Heat, adversity has arrived in a big way in a season where little has gone wrong.

"It's not going to be pretty but playoffs are ugly," said Bosh, who was held to nine points on 3-for-10 shooting. "That's what it's about. It's been a little bit too pretty around here, to be honest with you.

"We're in a situation where dudes are not going to be able to sleep and we're going to have to give it our all in Game 2 and figure everything out."

When it comes to facing Miami, the Bulls have plenty figured out.

They snapped Miami's 27-game winning streak in the regular season—the second-longest in NBA history—and now toppled the champs again, this time ending a run of 12 straight Heat victories overall. Miami has lost five games at home this season, two to the Bulls, who held them to 89 on Jan. 4.

James struggled through a two-point first half before finishing with 24 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Wade added 14 for the Heat, who had no one else in double figures, shot 40 percent from the floor and were outrebounded 46-32.

"I'm not stunned," James said. "This is what the playoffs is all about. We're going against a really good team."

A seven-point deficit midway through the fourth wasn't enough to doom the Bulls, who finished the game on a 10-0 run in the final 1:59. And to think, the Bulls weren't anywhere near full strength. Kirk Hinrich was out again with a calf injury. Luol Deng isn't even expected to rejoin the team until Tuesday, after dealing with an illness apparently so severe that a spinal tap—and other tests since—were needed to rule out things like meningitis.

"So proud of my team man, this bed might be good luck after all," Deng wrote on Twitter after the game, with a photo of him in a hospital bed.

Oh, and Derrick Rose remains sidelined—as he's been since April 2012.

No problem. The Heat are 41-3 in their last 44 games—with two of those losses to the Bulls, who are now 3-2 against Miami this season.

"I think when you're facing adversity, you have to be mentally tough," Thibodeau said. "But this is just one game. We have to play a lot better in our next one."

Miami was outscored 35-24 in the fourth, something that drew the ire of Heat coach Erik Spoelstra afterward.

"There's no excuses," said Spoelstra, whose team had not played in more than a week. "We're not making any excuses for time off or anything else."

If anyone could have made excuses, it was Robinson. He cut his upper lip when he dove for a loose ball with James and struck his head on the court late in the first half.

And then not only did he play the whole second half, he scored 24 points in those 24 minutes, including the last seven points that finished the job for Chicago.

"He was born a scorer," Miami guard Mario Chalmers said.

Joakim Noah scored 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Bulls, who also got 12 points from Taj Gibson and 10 from Marco Belinelli. Game 2 is Wednesday night in Miami.

"We're not really a flashy team," Gibson said. "We like to go out and do our job."

A pair of three-point plays by James - one of them coming when he just broke through a tackle attempt by Butler and muscled the ball to the rim anyway - gave Miami a 76-69 lead midway through the fourth quarter, the biggest deficit Chicago faced all night.

The Bulls were undeterred.

Coming off a Game 7 road win in Brooklyn two nights earlier just to get into a series with Miami, the Bulls just kept grinding. When Ray Allen made a 3-pointer to give Miami an 80-78 lead, Butler came back with one of his own to put the Bulls back on top. When the Heat went up by three after James made a free throw with 2:22 left, Belinelli connected for a 3—on a second-effort possession—to knot the game.

Then when Robinson nailed a 20-footer with 1:18 left, the Bulls had the lead and plenty of swagger.

Wade missed a 3-pointer on the next possession, Robinson drove the lane and scored with 45.5 seconds left, and suddenly the Bulls were up 90-86. James drove against Butler and tried a 12-footer that missed everything, the Bulls got the rebound, Robinson made a free throw to stretch the lead to five and the stunner was complete.

Game 1 to the Bulls.

"It's all about being tough," said Butler, who played all 48 minutes for the third straight game. "We're always going to be the underdogs and we take pride in that. Everybody can overlook us, but we feel like we're good enough to hang with a lot of these teams."

# Ref's death a consequence of lack of sportsmanship

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP NATIONAL WRITER

The football teams were still on the field, exchanging the traditional postgame handshakes, when Pete McCabe walked by. The veteran referee heard another official call his name and turned, only to be smashed in the face with a helmet by one of the players.

Almost every bone in McCabe's face was broken, his skull fractured in several places and his nose nowhere close to where it belonged. As he lay on the ground in Rochester, N.Y., the semi-pro player who assaulted him stood over him yelling, "Take that. Take that. This is what I'm all about."

"I have said since this happened to me that it's going to happen again," McCabe said, "and someone is going to get killed."

Four years later, someone was.

McCabe was sickened when he heard the news that Ricardo Portillo had died Saturday, a week after the youth soccer referee in Utah had been punched in the head by a 17-year-old player angry over a yellow card. Just as Portillo's family is now pleading for athletes to control their tempers, McCabe has spent the last four years preaching the importance of sportsmanship in and around Rochester.

To limited success.

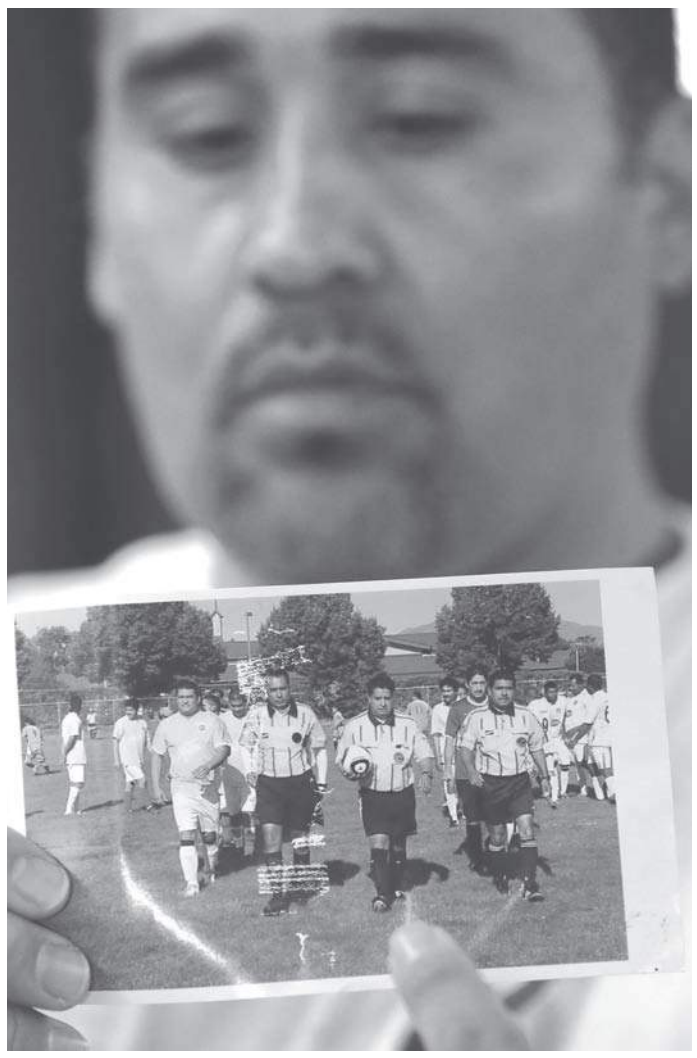
"There's no respect for officials now," McCabe said Monday. "Go look at any game, and they're yelling at the official. Pick a high school event, and go watch a couple of games. I guarantee you, you'll see a coach get out of control on the sideline. Or a parent. Or a kid. It's so rampant.

"What happened in Utah, I knew it was going to happen. It was just a matter of time," he added. "Whether it was New York state, Massachusetts, Florida, it was going to happen somewhere in this country."

But the problem isn't limited to this country.

Several Dutch teens are awaiting trial in the beating death late last year of a volunteer linesman who was working his son's youth soccer game. In Brazil last month, a referee was kicked in the chest after the final whistle of a third-division match of the Sao Paulo state championship. A referee in Kenya has filed a lawsuit against the national soccer federation, contending he is impotent after a coach grabbed his testicles in protest over a call. A Spanish soccer player was banned for three months last year after throwing a plastic water bottle at a referee. Also last year, a soccer player in New Zealand was banned indefinitely after he punched a referee and broke his jaw.

And at hockey's Under-18 World Championships in Estonia last month, a Lithuanian player hurled his stick at a referee, hitting him in the upper body.



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In this May 2, 2013, file photo, Jose Lopez points to an undated photo of Ricardo Portillo, center, his brother-in-law, following a news conference at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah.

"Part of this isn't a sport problem, part of it is a societal problem," said Dan Gould, director of the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports at Michigan State. "You watch TV, and the trash talking that's accepted. If you're famous, you're almost supposed to get into trouble. Why is everyone infatuated with Lindsay Lohan when she seems like a spoiled brat?"

Added Barry Mano, the founder and president of the National Association of Sports Officials, "We've become so loud and so brash. It's about me and about being in the spotlight. All of those things play out in the games we play."

Part of the beauty of sports—and youth sports in particular—has always been its power to educate and transform. To instill in athletes skills and values they can use for the rest of their lives, in arenas that don't have hardwood floors or boundaries outlined in chalk. Talk to any CEO or other successful person, and odds are he or she can trace the lessons they learned about teamwork, fair play, leadership and overcoming challenges back to Little League, Pee-Wee football or some other youth sport.

But just like passing, dribbling and hitting, those skills don't come with the uniform and the practice schedule. They have to be taught and reinforced by league administrators, coaches and, of course, the parents who signed their kids up for a team in the first place.

"Most Americans really want their kids to learn values through sports. And research has found we can teach kids to be good sports and enhance their moral development through sports if it's done correctly," Gould said. "But the big myth is it just happens."

Even referees and officials can do a better job, Mano said.

Watch any college basketball game, and odds are you'll see a coach not only stalking the sideline but coming onto the floor to protest a call. That's a violation, Mano said, yet it's almost never called.

"We've softened too much by letting bad behavior go escaped," he said.

It may not seem like much. But add up all the little transgressions that have been overlooked or excused, and sports now has a big problem.

"I really believe in the power of sport for changing people," Gould said. "But it's not going to happen if we just hope it happens. We need to train coaches, and the leagues need to be organized and have pretty defined rules of what's tolerable and what's not tolerable.

"You also need to recognize good sporting behavior," he added. "It's not just about fixing the problem."

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has developed a "True Sport" campaign to help parents, coaches and administrators return the emphasis in sports to the life lessons that don't show up in the won-loss column. The program includes educational materials, codes of conduct and good behavior pledges, and the approach is individually tailored for athletes in elementary school, middle school and high school. In the Netherlands, the Dutch FA responded to Richard Nieuwenhuizen's death with a "Respect" campaign targeted at players of all levels.

And at i9 Sports, sportsmanship is valued so highly there are weekly rewards for it.

The recreational youth league, which has programs in 280 communities in 28 states, designates a specific value of sportsmanship - being a good buddy, humility, leadership - for coaches to emphasize each week. At the end of the week, the player on each team who best exemplified that value gets recognized.

Parents also have to pledge to display good sportsmanship, and not use negative or derogatory language with officials, coaches, other parents or kids. They also pledge to keep fun as the main emphasis of the league.

"We believe there's great value in competition, healthy competition," said Frank Fiume, founder and CEO of i9 Sports. "But learning how to win with grace and lose with dignity is key."

That's a lesson that's been ignored for too long, McCabe said. With devastating consequences.

Four years after he was assaulted, McCabe still gets migraine-like headaches every day, has limited hearing in his left ear and has lost his sense of taste and smell. Yet he continues to referee—"I just love doing it so much"—hoping he can instill lessons of sportsmanship with the coaches and players he encounters.

But he wonders if it has any impact. Though his assault was big news in Rochester when it happened and again when his attacker was sentenced to 10 years in prison, McCabe sees the same poisonous behavior everywhere he goes. At a state championship football game he worked recently, one of the coaches complained constantly and threw his clipboard. At a boys lacrosse game, McCabe heard a coach tell one of his players to "bury" an opponent.

"Every time I try to talk to somebody I hit a brick wall," McCabe said.

"Unless something's done in this country, it's going to happen again," he said. "Until we teach kids how to play and respect officials, it's going to happen again."

# Cahill helps Diamondbacks beat Dodgers, 9-2

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)— Trevor Cahill drove in Arizona's first two runs with his first major league triple as the Diamondbacks sent the Los Angeles Dodgers to their fifth straight loss, 9-2 on Monday night.

Cahill (2-3) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, improving to 5-0 with a 2.10 ERA in eight starts against the Dodgers.

### Phillies 6, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Cliff Lee (3-2) allowed two runs and five hits in eight innings, struck out six and walked none to outpitch fellow southpaw Madison Bumgarner. Lee is 5-0 with a 0.88 ERA in six regular-season starts against the Giants.

Michael Young hit a two-run double, Hunter Pence hit a solo homer, double and single against his former club and Domonic Brown hit a solo home run as the Phillies stopped the World Series champion's season-best six-game winning streak.

### Padres 5, Marlins 0

In San Diego, Andrew Cashner (2-2) pitched a career-high 7 1-3 innings of four-hit ball and combined with

Dale Thayer on a five-hitter in front of a season-low crowd of 14,596 at Petco Park.

Miami was shut out for the fifth time this season, tying Atlanta and Philadelphia for most in the majors. The Marlins are last in the big leagues with a .226 team batting average and 98 runs this season.

### Braves 7, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Andrelton Simmons homered twice and drove in a career-high four runs, helping stop Cincinnati's three-game winning streak.

Paul Maholm (4-3) allowed four hits and two runs in 5 2-3 innings, and Craig Kimbrel gave up a pair of singles in the ninth before fanning Joey Votto for his 10th save. Cincinnati stranded five runners in scoring position.

### Cubs 9, Rangers 2

In Chicago, Scott Feldman (3-3) allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings against his former team before leaving with a cramp in his pitching hand.

Chicago Cubs came within three outs of its first shutout since Aug. 26. Texas scored a pair of unearned runs in the ninth after a throwing error by third baseman Luis Valbuena.

### Blue Jays 8, Rays 7

In St. Petersburg, Florida, J.P. Arencibia hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning off Fernando Rodney as the Toronto Blue Jays completed their comeback from a seven-run deficit, beating the Tampa Bay Rays.

The last time Toronto rallied from at least seven runs down to win was June 5, 2007, when it overcame an 8-1 margin to beat Tampa Bay 12-11, according to STATS LLC.

Tampa Bay last lost a lead of at least seven runs was May 25, 2009, when Cleveland came back from a 10-0 deficit to win 11-10.

This time, Evan Longoria hit his third career grand slam as Tampa Bay built a 7-0 lead that Jeremy Hellickson and four relievers failed to protect before a season-low crowd of 9,952 at Tropicana Field.

### Red Sox 6, Twins 5, 11 innings

In Boston, Stephen Drew doubled in the winning run with two outs in the 11th inning as the Red Sox snapped a season-high, three-game losing streak.

Drew, who entered the game batting .182, homered and had four hits. Dustin Pedroia hit a solo shot in the eighth for a 5-4 lead, but Joel Hanrahan gave up Brian Dozier's homer in the ninth and left one out later with right forearm tightness.

Clayton Mortensen (1-2) earned the win with 2 1-3 innings of scoreless relief. Pedroia and Shane Victorino had three hits apiece, and David Ortiz doubled in the eighth to extend his hitting streak to 26 games.

### Indians 7, Athletics 3

In Cleveland, Asdrubal Cabrera homered twice and Mark Reynolds hit one to the deepest reaches of Progressive Field, leading the Indians to the victory.

Jason Kipnis and Cabrera hit consecutive homers in the first inning off Jarrod Parker (1-5). In the fifth, Cabrera homered again and Reynolds launched a 460-foot shot—his 10th this season—that nearly cleared the left-field bleachers.

The four homers backed Ubaldo Jimenez (2-2), who had his second straight solid outing. Jimenez struck out a season-high eight in 5 2-3 innings as Cleveland won for the seventh time in eight games.

### White Sox 2, Royals 1, 11 innings

In Kansas City, Missouri, Jordan Danks atoned for a baserunning blunder in the ninth inning by hitting a solo home run in the 11th that lifted the White Sox to the win.

Danks connected with two outs off Kelvin Herrera (2-3) for his first homer of the season. The White Sox avoided a three-game sweep and won for only the fifth time in 18 tries in Kauffman Stadium.

The White Sox trailed 1-0 before loading the bases with no outs in the ninth. After Paul Konerko grounded into a home-to-first double play, Danks entered as a pinch runner at second base for Adam Dunn.

# Couples, Montgomerie among 5 inducted to hall

By DOUG FERGUSON
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**ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.** (AP)—About the only thing Fred Couples and Colin Montgomerie had in common was a golf swing good enough to trust for a lifetime.

Couples became the first American to reach No. 1 in the world and won the Masters by a blade of grass that kept his ball from trickling into Rae's Creek. Montgomerie found fame on the European Tour, where he won the Order of Merit a record seven times in a row, though he never won a major, a glaring hole in his credentials.

Couples sauntered down the fairways, the essence of cool. Montgomerie walked with his head down, so intense he never looked like he was having much fun.

They shared the stage Monday night when both were inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, along with three others in the Class of 2013. The others were former U.S. Open champion and broadcaster Ken Venturi, former European Tour executive director Ken Schofield and two-time British Open champion and architect Willie Park Jr.

That brings the Hall of Fame to 146 members.

Couples talked about his childhood in Seattle, when his mother gave him $5 a day in the summer to play at Jefferson Park. He couldn't afford to buy a glove, and Couples still plays without one. He got choked up when he mentioned watching a PGA Tour player to put on a clinic in town when Couples was 14.

"I wasn't really the person who said, `That's what I want to do, I'm going to be a PGA Tour player.' But I knew I wanted to really, really get involved in golf," Couples said. "And the gentleman's name was Lee Trevino, who has been a mentor and someone I love."

Couples didn't look at his notes or used the teleprompter in the back of the room. He rambled at times, as he always does, talking about his journey from Seattle to the University of Houston, where he first met CBS announcer Jim Nantz, turned pro and won 15 times, including that 1992 Masters and the green jacket ceremony in Butler Cabin with Nantz. They had rehearsed that moment in college.

He was overcome with emotion at the end of the night, reading two sentences from a piece of paper.

"Thanks for taking a kid from Seattle and putting him in the Hall of Fame," Couples said as his chin buckled. "This is the coolest night of my life."

He walked off the stage in tears, thrusting both arms in the air.

The election of this year's class was not without some debate.

Couples was elected on the PGA Tour ballot ahead of Mark O'Meara and Davis Love III, both of whom either won more tournaments or more majors. Couples received only 51 percent of the vote, a record low for the PGA Tour ballot. It takes 65 percent to get elected, though there is a loophole that if no one gets 65 percent, one player is elected provided he receives at least 50 percent.

Montgomerie won 31 times on the European Tour, the most of any British player, and he was a stalwart in the Ryder Cup. The Scot played in eight of them and never lost in singles (6-0-2) while competing on six winning teams. He also was the winning captain in Wales in 2010.

He never won on the biggest stage, however. Montgomerie lost the 1994 U.S. Open and the 1995 PGA Championship in a playoff. He was second to Ernie Els again in the 1997 U.S. Open at Congressional. And the most painful of all came in 2006 at Winged Foot, when he made double bogey from the middle of the 18th fairway and finished one shot behind Geoff Ogilvy.

"That's the one that hurts," Montgomerie said of Winged Foot, noting another Hall of Fame member, Phil Mickelson, also made double bogey on the 18th. "The four or five others, really, somebody happened to beat me. The 2006 Winged Foot, I beat myself. And that's where it hurts most. So that has taken the most to recover from."

Montgomerie is the fourth player in the last four years to be inducted into the Hall of Fame without having won a major. The others were Jumbo Ozaki, Jock Hutchison and Christy O'Connor Sr. A fifth would be Peter Alliss, who won 23 times on the European Tour, though he was recognized more for his work with the BBC.

"I've enjoyed thoroughly my exploits in major championships," Montgomerie said. "I just haven't been fortunate, or whatever it takes. I've never, ever stood up and made a winner's speech and said I was unlucky. Never. I never will. There's always a time where a bit of fortunate comes your way, whether it be for you or against your opponent at the time, and it just so happens that I just haven't been so-called fortunate to walk through the door. The door has been ajar many a time. I just haven't been able to walk through it.

"So at the same time, if you're talking about regrets of any part of my golfing career, I have none. Absolutely none," he said. "I've done exactly what I've tried to do. I've tried 100 percent on every shot, and sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't."

Montgomerie also received 51 percent of the vote on the International ballot.

Venturi was a premier amateur out of San Francisco, leading the 1956 Masters until an 80 in the final round. Venturi captured the 1964 U.S. Open at Congressional, in such stifling heat that he suffered from severe dehydration and nearly collapsed before he finished. When carpal tunnel syndrome ended his career, he moved to the broadcast booth and enjoyed 35 years of distinguished service to CBS Sports.

Venturi later became Presidents Cup captain in 2000.

He has been hospitalized in Palm Springs, Calif., for the last two months and could not attend the ceremony. Nantz accepted on his behalf, and then brought out on Venturi's two sons, Matt and Tim, saying, "We need to put the crystal in the hands of the Venturi family. We need the fingerprints on the crystal."

Schofield, also selected through Lifetime Achievement, was head of the European Tour from 1975 to 2004. He rode the presence of Europe's "Big Five"—Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam—to get the tour onto a global stage. The tour went from 17 events when he started to 45 events when he retired. He also paved the way for the tour to go beyond continental Europe, and to include the continent in the Ryder Cup.

Park joins his father in the Hall of Fame, and the son probably should have been enshrined already. He won the British Open in 1887 and 1889, and then broadened his influence on golf by building clubs, golf courses and writing. His book in 1896, "The Game of Golf," was the first written by a golf professional. He later wrote "The Art of Putting" that was published in 1920.

Among the golf courses he built were the Old Course at Sunningdale outside London, Maidstone on Long Island in New York and Olympia Fields outside Chicago.

## SCHORR

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Schorr advanced to the finals after sweeping Steven Goodwin in the upper bracket semis last Saturday 6-4, 6-0. Tudela took the other semis ticket, following a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Tony Kim, who joined the former and Schorr in the Top 3 with an 8-6 victory versus Goodwin in the consolation match.

The win in the CNMI Junior Tennis Championships was the second in a row and third in the last four tournaments for Schorr. He topped the Tan Holdings event in November, finished third in the White Coconut Classic in February after losing in the semis incidentally to Tudela, and reigned supreme in last month's 13th Annual PIC Tennis Championships.

There were five tournaments in Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association' calendar of events for the 2012-2013 season and Clayton Izuka and Tudela won the other two, ruling the Micronesian Tennis Tournament and the White Coconut Tennis Classic, respectively.

Villanueva topped the last two competitions, following his 6-1, 6-1 title win over Dylan Ackerman in the boys U15 singles last Sunday. Incidentally, Ackerman was also Villanueva's foe in last month's PIC tournament with the latter also sweeping the former, 6-2, 6-2.

The victory in the 2013 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships allowed Villanueva to duplicate Ackerman's feat this season, as the latter also got two championships, winning the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic and White Coconut Classic. Chris Cajigan nailed the other boys U15 title this season, prevailing in the Micronesian Tennis Tournament against Villanueva.

Meanwhile, Gang Min Kim and Amami Sakano joined Villanueva and Schorr in the winners circle last weekend.

Kim nabbed the boys U10 championship after shutting out Eugene Park in the finals, 6-0. Sean Lee rounded out the Top 3, following a tough 7-5 triumph over Rintaro Miyawaki.

Sakano won the boys U18 finals via default, as Tommy Choi could not make it to the title match last Sunday due to an injury. Rafael Jones completed the Top 3 after edging Jake Lee in the consolation match.

## BREWERS

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with his solo homer and although the pennant champions ended the inning in front, 2-1, with two unearned runs at the bottom, a Jonah Flores RBI double kept the D-9ers in the match.

The D-9ers then momentarily took the lead at the top of the third, 5-2, off an Andave Camacho's two-run single and Jeremy Atalig's RBI single before the Brewers got the three runs back at the bottom. Jun Rabauliman made an RBI single for the Brewers, who nailed the two other runs off a sacrifice fly and fielder's choice.

A Clifton Sill pitching error at the top of the fourth put the D-9ers on top for the last time, 6-5, as the Brewers got their acts together in the remainder of the game and Juan Iguel took over the mound from the former, gave up two unearned runs, and allowed only four hits in 4.1 innings pitched.

A two-run single from McGary Scaliem returned the advantage to the Brewers, 7-6, while Manny Sablan added another run with his double driving the former home. The Tony Rogolifoi-managed squad never relinquished the driver' seat from thereon and not even a downpour at the bottom of the eighth could prevent the Brewers from wrapping up Game 1 one inning early.

The Brewers tucked on six more runs, four earned, against only two from the D-9ers in the next three and a half innings to take a 14-8 advantage before rain halted play at the start of the bottom of the eighth. The match resumed about 15 minutes later and the slippery and a bit muddy condition of the field favored the Brewers, as the D-9ers struggled fielding and throwing the balls.

B.J. Lizama walked Brewers leadoff batter Ton Guerrero, who later advanced to second off an error, stole third base, and reached home off another D-9ers error. Iguel was next at bat and after making a single, he was driven home by a Jared Sablan single to right field.

Now ahead by eight, 16-8, the Brewers needed just two runs to end the match. They got them quickly, as the soaked field worked against the D-9ers' defense in the next helter skelter play that started with Rabauliman stepping upto the plate with Leonard and Jared Sablan on first and second base. Rabauliman hit the ball, which appeared to be heading over the fence at centerfield, but dropped a few feet short with Rocco Reyes struggling to pick it up, giving Brewers runners time to move to bases.

Leonard Sablan went on to reach home, while Jared Sablan slipped and almost got stuck with Rabauliman at third. Rabauliman then avoided a tag-out from Lizama, who later tried a throw to catcher Dodet Feliciano, but the D-9ers third baseman also slipped, allowing Jared Sablan to score the game-winning run.

## PACQUIAO

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down on the canvas in his last bout, the 34-year-old Pacquiao chose Rios (31-1-1, 23 KOs) to be his next opponent because of the former lightweight champion's hard-hitting, crowd-pleasing style. Pacquiao's camp has also claimed Marquez and Bradley both turned down potential rematches with Pacquiao to fight each other Sept. 14 in Las Vegas.

Pacquiao's choice for his fight's location is just as intriguing as his choice of opponent. Pacquiao, who hasn't fought outside the United States since July 2006, will fight in the CotaiArena at Macau's Venetian Resort Hotel in an attempt to appeal to the nascent Chinese pay-per-view market.

"We think it opens a tremendous market in China because it enables us to do pay-per-view there in ways that we haven't done before," Arum said.

Arum said Pacquiao hopes to improve the overall popularity of boxing in Asia—while also reaping the significant tax benefits of fighting outside the U.S. His fight will be held on a Sunday morning in Macau to keep the Saturday night pay-per-view audience in North America.

Arum and the Venetian are planning regular shows at the venue after the success of a card starring Chinese two-time Olympic champion Zou Shiming in April. Zou is expected to headline another show in Macau in July.

The Texas-born, Kansas-raised Rios lives and trains in Oxnard, Calif. His unbeaten record was blemished March 30 when he lost a unanimous decision in his rematch with fellow brawler Mike Alvarado, but his popularity only increased in a compelling bout filled with wild exchanges and headfirst fighting.

Rios also is promoted by Arum's Top Rank, putting him in prime position to land the biggest fight of his career when Marquez and Bradley didn't bite.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 21 | 11 | .656 | _ |
| New York | 18 | 12 | .600 | 2 |
| Baltimore | 19 | 13 | .594 | 2 |
| Tampa Bay | 14 | 17 | .452 | 6 1/2 |
| Toronto | 12 | 21 | .364 | 9 1/2 |

**Central Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 19 | 11 | .633 | _ |
| Kansas City | 17 | 11 | .607 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 15 | 14 | .517 | 3 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 13 | 15 | .464 | 5 |
| Chicago | 13 | 17 | .433 | 6 |

**West Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 20 | 12 | .625 | _ |
| Oakland | 18 | 15 | .545 | 2 1/2 |
| Seattle | 15 | 18 | .455 | 5 1/2 |
| Los Angeles | 11 | 20 | .355 | 8 1/2 |
| Houston | 8 | 24 | .250 | 12 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 19 | 12 | .613 | _ |
| Washington | 17 | 15 | .531 | 2 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 18 | .455 | 5 |
| New York | 12 | 16 | .429 | 5 1/2 |
| Miami | 10 | 23 | .303 | 10 |

**Central Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 20 | 11 | .645 | _ |
| Pittsburgh | 17 | 14 | .548 | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 18 | 15 | .545 | 3 |
| Milwaukee | 14 | 16 | .467 | 5 1/2 |
| Chicago | 12 | 20 | .375 | 8 1/2 |

**West Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Francisco | 19 | 13 | .594 | _ |
| Colorado | 18 | 13 | .581 | 1/2 |
| Arizona | 17 | 15 | .531 | 2 |
| San Diego | 14 | 18 | .438 | 5 |
| Los Angeles | 13 | 18 | .419 | 5 1/2 |

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# Saipan Apparel rallies past Kanoa

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Saipan Apparel notched its first win in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League after topping Kanoa Resort, 88-78, last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Saipan Apparel worked its way back from an 8-point deficit early in the fourth to grab the win and improve to a 1-2 record. Kanoa absorbed in second loss in as many games after fading away in the final half of the fourth period.

Kanoa got off to a strong start in the fourth canto, making two steals and three quick baskets to turn a shaky 62-60 cushion to a 68-60 lead. However, Kanoa's offense cooled off in the next four minutes, nailing only two field goals and scoring 6 points, while Saipan Apparel answered with 16 markers to steal the lead, 76-74. Pedro Lizama jumpstarted Saipan Apparel's rally, drilling their first 6 points in the fourth, while Patrick Guerrero capped the uprising with back-to-back baskets to grab the driver's seat. Ed Diaz then finished what Lizama and Guerrero started, nailing 8 of Saipan Apparel's last 12 points. Diaz's third straight basket gave Saipan Apparel its first double-digit lead, 84-74, going into the last two minutes of the match.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan Apparel's Ed Diaz drives against Kanoa Resort's Perry Inos during the third quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Kanoa then failed to slice the deficit to single digit, as it was held to only one field goal and two charities in the final two minutes of the game.

Lizama top-scored for Saipan Apparel with his 25 points, while Diaz turned in 24. Three other Saipan Apparel players chipped in twin digits with Jerome Norita tallying 15 and Mike Babauta and Patrick Guerrero adding 11 and 10, respectively.

Justine Zapanta had 23 points for Kanoa, including 8 in the pivotal fourth. Brian Ajoste contributed 20, but was limited to 2 points in the payoff canto.

### Mobil 79, Hoopaholics 75

In the curtain raiser, Mobil also won its match versus the Hoopaholics in the fourth quarter.

With the victory, Mobil tied the Hoopaholics and Docomo in second place in the team standings in the 10-squad field. The three teams have similar 2-1 records, leaving Dollar Days (2-0) as the lone unbeaten squad this season so far.

Mobil started the fourth canto behind, 52-55, and prevailed in the back and forth game with a steady performance at the foul line. Mobil scored 6 of their last 10 points off free throws with Zack Babauta hitting two clutch charities and Jun Estolas making a split.

Estolas finished with a game-high 35 points, including 9 markers in the crucial fourth, stepping up in the absence of Ronnel Gamboa and Marvin Rabauliman. Gyles Ruluked, who missed Mobil's first two matches, also contributed in his first game, dropping 6 of his 11 markers in the final canto. Babauta scored twin digits, too with his 19 points with 10 of them coming in at the fourth frame.

The Hoopaholics, which led by as much as 9 in the first period, lost the lead and the match in the fourth canto, as only Kelvin Fitial canned more than two field goals in the final 10 minutes of play.

### First Game

**Mobil 79** – Estolas 35, Babauta 19, Ruluked 11, Gapor 8, Galzote 4.

**Hoopaholics 75** – Diaz 15, Fitial 14, Mendez 10, Cabrera 7, Lisua 6, Itibus 6, Manibusan 4, Lauron 4, Lee 2.

**Scoring by quarters**: 12-19, 35-38, 52-55, 79-75.

### Second Game

**Saipan Apparel 88** – Lizama 25, Diaz 24, Norita 15, Babauta 11, Guerrero 10, Barrazo 4.

**Kanoa Resort 78** – Zapanta 23, Ajoste 20, Inos 8, Mejia 6, Cadauan 6, Quizon 5, Pablo 5.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-25, 41-39, 70-62, 88-78.

# Depleted Bandits beat Maplas

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GHD defenders hound Camor's Prince Factor during the first quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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The shorthanded San Roque Bandits outlasted Maplas La Mani, 75-70, in the lone game completed in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

San Roque played with only five players and was down to four in the last three minutes of the match, but managed to survive Maplas after canning crucial free throws in the fourth quarter. The Bandits' last nine points came from the foul line with Art Salazar making four, Mike Achas, and Elmer Pineda nailing two apiece, and Angelo Fernando having a split.

Fernando led all scorers with his 35 points and three of the four remaining San Roque players also logged double figures. Mike Achas added 17, while McLain Achas posted 16 before fouling out, and Salazar contributed 11. Pineda chipped in 7 in the Bandits' gallant stand against the 10-man crew of Maplas.

Despite its lack of manpower, San Roque still led against Maplas in the first quarter, 16-15, behind the 7 markers of Fernando. The four other San Roque players also lit up the scoreboard in the first 10 minutes of the game.

Fernando continued to lead the charge for San Roque in the second canto, as he knocked in 10 more points, stretching a one-point lead to three at the break, 37-34. Fernando was then neutralized in the third period, as he scored only one field goal. Fortunately for San Roque, McLain and Mike Achas stepped in with the former drilling 8 points and the latter connecting on two triples to widen the gap at the end of the third, 55-46.

McLain Achas added 6 more points in the final canto before fouling out in the last three minutes of the match with San Roque ahead by 5. The Bandits then managed to protect the driver's seat, as Maplas got into foul trouble and San Roque cashed in from the 15-foot line. Half of San Roque's 20 points in the fourth period were made off free throws, while Maplas connected only two charities and fell to a 0-2 record. San Roque moved up to a 2-1 card for third place in Bracket A behind the undefeated Adobo (4-0) and Flip Top (2-0).

Meanwhile, the GHD (2-1) and Camor (1-1) tiff in Bracket B was rained-out with the former ahead in the closing minutes of the third quarter, 41-33.

### First Game

**San Roque Bandits 75** – Fernando 25, Mi. Achas 17, Mc Achas 16, Salazar 11, Pineda 7.

**Maplas La Mani 70** – David 16, Mendoza 14, Usi 12, Odicta 12, Morales 10, Aniciete 2, Ito 2, Matias 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-15, 37-34, 55-46, 75-70.

# All Schools meet starts today

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The biggest sports competition among CNMI students kicks off today as Northern Marianas Athletics holds the 2013 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships at the Olea Sports Complex.

The All Schools meet, which will run until Friday, will feature running, throwing, and jumping events for elementary, junior high, and high school students. The three-day tournament is the culmination of the month-long qualifying trials that led to more than 500 students earning slots to the annual competition. Tinian and Rota students are among the qualifiers, making this year's All School's meet a three-island contest.

"It will be an interesting competition and we hope to see promising athletes who will represent the CNMI in future off-island events," NMA vice president and meet director Elias Rangamar said in a phone interview with *Saipan Tribune.*

The participating elementary schools are divided into groups during the trials with Saipan Community School, Dandan Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, and Agape Christian School comprising Zone 1. Zone 2 has Whispering Palms, Oleai, San Antonio, and Brilliant Star, while Koblerville, Saipan International School, San Vicente, and Tanapag are in Zone 3 and Tinian represents Zone 4.

SHAWN CAMACHO
McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu, fourth from left, leads the donation presentation for the 2013 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships last Monday at McDonald's Garapan. Also in the photo are, from left, McDonald's crewmember Kevin Magabo, McDonald's executive assistant to the president Mabel Ayuyu, Lyn Duenas of the Office of Rep. Ramon Tebuteb, NMA treasurer Orrin Pharmin, and NMA vice president Elias Rangamar.

Qualifiers from these elementary schools are allowed to compete in only four individual events—the sprints (60m 100m, and 200m runs), middle distance (400m, 800m, and 1,500m), long jump, and vortex throw—and two relays (4x100m and mixed relay)

For the junior high (U14) , qualifiers can enter a maximum of five individual events and two relay, while the limit for the high school division (U18) is seven (individual) and two relays.

Today's competition starts at 5:30pm with the 800m run for all age groups. Then at 6pm, NMA holds the opening ceremonies, featuring the traditional parade of schools. Organizers will continue with Day 1 events after the opening rites with the 60m (all divisions), discus throw (U18 and U14), and medal presentation set for 6:30pm. Also set for tonight at the 1,500m run and the 4x400m relay (for all age groups).

Tomorrow, the competition will start at 5pm and events to be contested include the long jump (all divisions), 3,000m run, javelin, and shot put (u14 and U18), and the 400m, 200m , and 4x100m relay runs (all divisions).

For the final day of the All Schools meet, which will begin at 5:30pm, events lined up are vortex throw (elementary) and the 100m and mixed medley relay for all age groups.

### McDonald's donation

Meanwhile, McDonald's Saipan turned in its $3,000 donation for the three-day meet last Monday at its store in Garapan.

McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu led the donation turnover ceremony with Rangamar and NMA treasurer Orrin Pharmin receiving the check on behalf of the association.

"We are very thankful to McDonald's for their continued support. They've been with us for the past nine years and this grassroots program continues to grow because of McDonald's help," Rangamar said.

For her part, Ayuyu said CNMI students are close to the heart of McDonald's owner and her husband Joe, so the latter is always willing to help programs and activities that benefit students.

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Sports

# Schorr, Villanueva finish strong

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Robbie Schorr and Moris Villanueva completed a sweep of the last two tournaments of the season after winning their respective divisions in the 2013 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships over the weekend at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Schorr clinched the boys U12 singles championship in last weekend's competition after slipping past Vincent Tudela in a three-set finale. The 11-year-old player lost the opening set of last Sunday's title match, 2-6, but came back strong in the last two sets, 6-4, 7-5, to grab the victory.

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Robbie Schorr, sere here returning a shot from the baseline in Week 1 of the 2013 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships, defeated Vincent Tudela in the boys U12 finals last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

## Brewers draw 1st blood in SML playoffs

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The Tan Holdings Brewers huddle after beating the Saipan Stevedore Northern Yankees in the battle for the SML pennant last Friday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Brewers also advanced to the semis, which they started last Monday night with an 18-8 victory over the D-9ers.

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The Tan Holdings Brewers won the playoff opener in the 2013 Saipan Major League, downing the D-9ers, 18-8, last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The victory in Game 1 of the best-of-three semis series moved the pennant champions closer to the finals, which will be a best-of-five affair. The Brewers will try to go for a sweep in Game 2 this Friday to advance to the finals against the winner of the semis series between Saipan Stevedore Northern Yankees and IP&E Fielders, who will start their playoff duel tonight.

The D-9ers, who notched the last playoff seat, gave the Brewers quite a scare in the first three and a half innings, taking a 6-5 led before the latter took control in the remaining four and a half innings en route to the early win via 10-run mercy rule.

Isaiah Lizama led off for the D-9ers at the top of the first and caught the Brewers' defense by surprise

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## Pacquiao plans ring return vs Rios in Macau

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PACQUIAO

Manny Pacquiao will return to the ring Nov. 24 to meet Brandon Rios in a welterweight bout in Macau, the eight-division world champion's promoter said Monday.

Bob Arum told The Associated Press that Pacquiao (54-5-2, 38 KOs) has been focused exclusively on his political career in the Philippines since the congressman's stunning sixth-round knockout loss to Juan Manuel Marquez last December. Pacquiao has lost two straight fights after a 15-bout winning streak, also dropping a much-disputed decision to Timothy Bradley last summer.

"We want to get the people a really good, exciting action fight," Arum said. "(Rios) is an exciting fighter, so it's a good matchup."

Although Marquez left him face-

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